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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Members of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly

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SUBJECT: Compilation of Abstracts and Selected Summaries of 2019 Legislation

Attached for your information and use are abstracts of the 2019 Public Chapters. This abstract document is available on the Legislative Intranet under "Legal Services" "Documents and Reports" "Abstracts" "2019" and on the General Assembly's website under "Legislation" "Publications."

Please keep in mind that the abstracts and summaries included herein are an overview of the legislation passed during the 2019 legislative session. These abstracts and summaries are not meant as a substitute for reading the actual text of the public chapters.

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ABSTRACTS OF PUBLIC CHAPTERS PASSED BY THE 111th GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2019

- Statutes and Codification As enacted, codifies the Acts of the 2018 regular session. (SB22/HB16)
- Naming and Designating As enacted, designates the Robert Spicer Memorial Buck Dance Championship as the official buck dancing competition of the State of Tennessee. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3. (HB68/SB56)
- TennCare As enacted, changes the basis for the multiplier of the ground ambulance service provider assessment calculation from medicaid transports by a provider to all transports by a provider. Amends TCA Title 71. (HB90/SB236)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, urges the department of revenue to study the enforcement of disabled parking violations; requires department to report its findings and recommendations on or before February 1, 2020, to the transportation and safety committee of the senate and transportation committee of the house of representatives. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1. (HB131/SB78)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, makes various changes to the "Tennessee Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act," which include excluding from coverage certain persons receiving payments through structured settlements, establishing procedures during delinquency proceedings, setting the amount of assessments for long-term care insurance written by impaired or insolvent member insurers, and other changes. Amends TCA Section 56-12-202; Section 56-12-203; Section 56-12-204; Section 56-12-205; Section 56-12-207; Section 56-12-208 and Section 56-12-218. (HB151/SB84)
- 6 Comptroller, State As enacted, requires certain public entities to disclose to the office of the comptroller events of default; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Section 9-21-151. (HB166/SB201)
- 7 State Symbols As enacted, designates the bluetick coonhound as the official state dog. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3. (HB999/SB1129)
- Publications, State As enacted, designates certain libraries as depositories for state depository publications; revises various provisions about maintenance and preservation of, and access to, state depository publications. Amends TCA Title 12, Chapter 6. (SB49/HB136)
- 9 Naming and Designating As enacted, names visitor center at Carter House Historic Site in honor of the late Herbert L. Harper. (SB68/HB50)
- Comptroller, State As enacted, deletes reference to the Public Service Commission, which was dissolved in 1996, and replaces it with a reference to the Commission's successor, the Office of State Assessed Properties. Amends TCA Section 67-5-1606. (SB73/HB101)
- Unclaimed Property As enacted, excludes transit fare cards from the definition of "property" for purposes of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Amends TCA Section 66-29-102. (SB340/HB242)
- Nurses, Nursing As enacted, clarifies that the definition of the practice of nursing does not prevent qualified registered nurses from making determinations that

- patients are experiencing emergency medical conditions, in certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 68. (SB317/HB199)
- Fireworks As enacted, allows the continued sale at retail of any Class C common fireworks in Rutherford County after the 2020 federal census. Amends TCA Section 68-104-112. (SB51/HB147)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of physical therapy to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 63, Chapter 13 and Section 68-1-101. (SB96/HB428)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of alcohol and drug abuse counselors to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 24. (SB99/HB431)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of occupational therapy to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 63, Chapter 13 and Section 68-1-101. (SB101/HB433)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the historical commission to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 11 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB102/HB434)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the information systems council to June 30, 2025.
 Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 55. (SB104/HB436)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of osteopathic examination to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 63, Chapter 9 and Section 68-1-101. (SB106/HB438)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee agricultural hall of fame board to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 43, Chapter 1, Part 6. (SB111/HB443)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the viticulture advisory board to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 43, Chapter 30. (SB117/HB449)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the wastewater financing board to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 221. (SB118/HB450)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the advisory committee for children's special services to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 12. (SB126/HB458)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the perinatal advisory committee to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 8. (SB128/HB460)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee medical examiner advisory council to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 38, Chapter 7. (SB129/HB461)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the traumatic brain injury advisory council to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 55. (SB130/HB462)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the air pollution control board to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 201. (SB135/HB466)

- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of ground water management to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 69, Chapter 10. (SB136/HB467)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the commission on firefighting personnel standards and education to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 24 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB139/HB470)
- 30 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the child care advisory council to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3. (SB145/HB477)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the southern states energy board to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 202. (SB155/HB487)
- 32 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Southern States Nuclear Compact to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 202. (SB156/HB488)
- 33 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the standards committee, department of children's services to June 30, 2024. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 5. (SB157/HB490)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the standards committee, department of human services to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5. (SB158/HB489)
- Adoption As enacted, allows for the modification and enforcement of a contract for post-adoption contact between certain parties. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 1. (SB207/HB288)
- Adoption As enacted, eliminates failure to pay prenatal, natal, and postnatal expenses as ground for termination of parental rights; clarifies the definition of notice; removes unnecessary affidavit language; adds existing abuse crimes to the definition of severe child abuse; clarifies definition of putative father; clarifies requirements for checking putative father registry; makes various other revisions. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1; Title 36, Chapter 2 and Section 37-1-102. (SB208/HB287)
- Naming and Designating As enacted, designates the week beginning on the first Sunday in April as Financial Literacy Week in Tennessee. Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (SB233/HB87)
- 38 School Transportation As enacted, reduces, from 25 to 23, the age required for a person to receive an initial school bus endorsement if the person is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces, a member of the national guard or reserves, or a licensed teacher employed by an LEA. Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 55. (SB245/HB200)
- Public Officials As enacted, clarifies that a county judicial commissioner or magistrate may administer the oath of office to an elected or appointed official. Amends TCA Section 8-18-109. (SB345/HB347)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, prohibits the dropping of items or substances from unmanned aircraft into an open-air event venue where more than 100 persons are gathered for a ticketed event; violation is Class C misdemeanor. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13. (SB349/HB154)

- Municipal Government As enacted, requires online training and continuing education providers for municipal utility board commissioners to provide a certificate of completion or attendance that must be submitted by the commissioner to the municipality upon the completion of required training; requires the municipality to keep the certificate of completion or attendance for six years. Amends TCA Section 7-34-115. (SB430/HB202)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, revises the use of student growth data for purposes of a teacher's or principal's annual evaluation; deletes obsolete provisions regarding the use of student growth data; excludes, for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, student growth evaluation composites generated by assessments administered in the 2017-2018 school year if the exclusion results in a higher evaluation score for the teacher. Amends TCA Section 49-1-302. (SB784/HB928)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the genetic advisory committee to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 5. (SB127/HB459)
- Election Laws As enacted, requires county election commission to comply with terms of insurance policy with respect to legal representation and certain expenses. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 12. (SB47/HB13)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, expands the offense of indecent exposure in a penal institution to include actions committed against staff members in addition to guards; defines staff member as any person employed by a penal institution or who performs ongoing services in a penal institution, including, but not limited to, clergy, educators, and medical professionals. Amends TCA Section 39-13-511. (SB80/HB127)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 63, Chapter 22 and Section 68-1-101. (SB98/HB430)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of appeals for the department of human resources to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 8, Chapter 30. (SB100/HB432)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the industrial development division, building finance committee to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB103/HB435)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Ocoee River recreation and economic development fund board to June 30, 2021. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 11, Chapter 8. (SB105/HB437)
- 50 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of trustees of the college savings trust fund program to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 7. (SB107/HB439)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the child care agency licensing board of review to June 30, 2024. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71, Chapter 3. (SB108/HB440)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of claims to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 9, Chapter 8. (SB110/HB442)

- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee claims commission to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 9, Chapter 8. (SB112/HB444)
- 54 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee consolidated retirement system, board of trustees to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 8, Chapter 34. (SB113/HB445)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee wars commission to June 30, 2025.
 Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 11, Part 3 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB114/HB446)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of health to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB125/HB457)
- 57 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee council on autism spectrum disorder to June 30, 2021. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 27. (SB131/HB463)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state energy policy council to June 30, 2020. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 204. (SB137/HB468)
- Assessors As enacted, changes the date, from October 1 of each year to April 15 of each year, by which assessors in counties, other than counties with a metropolitan form of government, must file that year's property maps with the register of deeds. Amends TCA Section 67-5-806. (SB278/HB100)
- 60 Criminal Offenses As enacted, increases the penalty for using an unmanned aircraft over a critical infrastructure facility without the business operator's consent from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class E felony; adds communication service facilities to the types of facilities that are considered critical infrastructure facilities. Amends TCA Title 39. (SB306/HB308)
- Safety As enacted, specifies that the entity responsible for the AED program is not civilly liable for any personal injury that results from an act or omission related to the use or maintenance of the AED that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 4. (SB314/HB775)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, removes the requirement that a property and casualty insurer that has a specified medical expense benefit payable without regard to fault, and that does not permit assignment of the benefit, establish a process to disburse funds in the names of the insured and the healthcare provider as joint payees. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7. (SB341/HB146)
- 63 Comptroller, State As enacted, allows county clerks to keep oaths prescribed for assessors and deputies in electronic or digital format; authorizes assessors to provide to taxpayers an informal review of property assessments; revises the fees for processing a taxpayer appeal of a property assessment; authorizes the assessment appeals commission to delegate decision-making authority to a single panel member if an evidentiary record needs to remain open for a period after the public hearing. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5. (SB351/HB143)
- Special License Plates As enacted, authorizes issuance of AMVETS new specialty earmarked license plates. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. (SB435/HB96)
- Game and Fish Laws As enacted, authorizes executive director of the Tennessee wildlife resources agency to issue various types of special permits, up to five in a

- license year, to nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations, rather than to issue only special elk-take permits to such organizations. Amends TCA Title 70, Chapter 2, Part 2.(SB439/HB318)
- Fireworks As enacted, authorizes the retail sale of Class C common fireworks in Millington. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 104. (SB458/HB106)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, authorizes a certified athlete agent to pay expenses incurred before the signing of an agency contract under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 21. (SB470/HB697)
- Registers of Deeds As enacted, allows a register of deeds to store local government records, in addition to storage in the register's office, in a suitable facility; defines suitable facility as one that will secure records against theft and natural disasters. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 13, Part 1. (SB531/HB609)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, deletes redundant surety bond requirement for persons who practice animal massage therapy. Amends TCA Section 63-12-203. (SB646/HB831)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes department of revenue to suspend or revoke the registration, license plate, permit, or certificate of title issued to any vehicle assigned to a motor carrier that has been prohibited from operating by the federal motor carrier safety administration; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1. (SB785/HB929)
- Human Services, Dept. of As enacted, authorizes state and national criminal history background checks and investigations of employees and contractors of the department who are likely to have access to individuals with disabilities. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 12. (SB789/HB933)
- Courts, Municipal As enacted, permits a municipal judge to use a special substitute judge when the municipal judge is unable to preside; requires the special substitute judge to be appointed in a manner determined by ordinance of the governing body of the municipality or, if no such ordinance, in writing by the municipal judge. Amends TCA Title 16, Chapter 18, Part 3. (SB1189/HB591)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, changes, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2020, the date on which the state palliative care and quality of life council is scheduled to terminate. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71, Chapter 2. (SB1323/HB1495)
- Wine & Wineries As enacted, revises provisions governing wineries and their satellite facilities and the transport of products. Amends TCA Section 57-3-207. (SB1353/HB1074)
- Special License Plates As enacted, specifies the redesign for the Bosnia Veteran license plate. Amends TCA Section 55-4-253. (SB1494/HB542)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, exempts farm tractors and implements of husbandry from the requirement that slow-moving vehicles pull off the roadway on certain highways. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 8. (SB1496/HB696)
- Campaigns and Campaign Finance As enacted, requires statewide political party campaign committees to pay a registration fee to the registry of election finance; clarifies that payment of the fee by one affiliated political campaign committee

- includes any disclosed affiliated committees. Amends TCA Section 2-10-121. (SB234/HB173)
- Election Laws As enacted, restricts political activity of members of the registry of election finance only during the duration of their term rather than during their term and one year subsequent to their term. Amends TCA Section 2-10-203. (SB1113/HB1487)
- Public Records As enacted, authorizes the transfer of wills and marriage licenses from the clerk's office to other suitable facilities. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 18, Chapter 1; Section 18-6-109 and Section 32-2-102. (SB76/HB392)
- 80 Education, Higher As enacted, requires public postsecondary institutions to classify the spouse or dependent child of an active member of the United States armed forces transferred out of state on military orders as an in-state student for tuition purposes. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7. (SB242/HB205)
- State Government As enacted, requires the executive director of the state museum to report to the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of both houses detailing the fundraising activities of the state museum during the previous fiscal year; makes other revisions governing donations to the museum. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 10. (SB313/HB217)
- Education, Higher As enacted, exempts certain postsecondary educational institutions from the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016 under certain circumstances; subjects certain postsecondary educational institutions to bond requirements under the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016.

 Amends TCA Section 49-7-2004 and Section 49-7-2022. (SB335/HB688)
- Child Custody and Support As enacted, permits a designation as joint primary residential parents or a waiver of the primary residential parent designation upon agreement of the parents when the child is scheduled to reside an equal amount of time with both parents; allows the address of either parent to be used to determine school zoning when the child is scheduled to reside an equal amount of time with both parents. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 36. (SB402/HB169)
- Tourism As enacted, changes the deadline from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2024, by which certain qualified public use facilities must be placed in service as it relates to the apportionment and distribution of sales and use taxes. Amends TCA Section 7-88-106. (SB497/HB584)
- Child Custody and Support As enacted, clarifies the priority an employer, person, corporation, or institution must give to all orders of income assignment against an individual for child, medical, or spousal support; removes references to the Tennessee Judicial Council, which terminated June 30, 2009. Amends TCA Section 36-5-406 and Section 36-5-501(j)(2)(A). (SB788/HB932)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, clarifies that payments of fees to a trade or professional association exempt from income tax under § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code do not constitute an unfair trade practice in the business of insurance. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 8. (SB1227/HB1126)
- Agriculture As enacted, revises and enacts various provisions regarding hemp, including licensure requirements. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 43; Title

- 44, Chapter 6, Part 1; Section 47-26-101; Title 53; Title 56 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 28. (SB357/HB844)
- Tourist Development, Dept. of As enacted, vacates and restructures the Tennessee sports hall of fame board of directors; revises other various provisions regarding the sports hall of fame and the board. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 22 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 54. (SB642/HB684)
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities As enacted, exempts from licensure requirements person providing direct care services to no more than three people receiving services through consumer direction in a medicaid home- and community-based services program. Amends TCA Section 33-2-402 and Section 33-2-403. (SB807/HB951)
- Election Laws As enacted, requires the county election commission to designate the entrances to a building in which an election is to take place that are for the use of voters, and to measure off 100 feet from those entrances for purposes of restricting certain campaign-related activities. Amends TCA Section 2-7-111. (HB28/SB71)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, designates Hermitage Golf Course in Nashville-Davidson County as a premier type tourist resort for purposes of consuming alcoholic beverages on the premises. - Amends TCA Section 57-4-102. (HB58/SB323)
- 92 Firearms and Ammunition As enacted, permits correctional officers and certain other people employed by the department of correction to carry a handgun the same as a law enforcement officer if they have completed their probationary period rather than when they are vested. Amends TCA Section 39-17-1350. (HB109/SB1374)
- Marriage As enacted, clarifies that a marriage license may not be issued for an applicant under 17 years of age; defines "parent" for purposes of parental consent to marriage of a minor; deletes obsolete requirement that marriage license application of a minor be mailed to the minor's parent and held for three days before issuance of license. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 3. (HB189/SB1376)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, extends the hours during which a manufacturer may sell its product at retail on Sunday on its licensed premises from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; deletes repeal provision, thereby clarifying that a manufacturer of alcoholic beverages may, on and after July 1, 2019, continue to have a direct or indirect interest in an establishment with a license authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises if the interest is held in an irrevocable trust. Amends TCA Section 57-3-202 and Section 57-4-110. (HB345/SB1078)
- 95 Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, authorizes a public utility to request, and the Tennessee public utility commission to authorize, a mechanism to recover the operational expenses, capital costs, or both, related to replacement of or upgrades to usage measurement devices if found by the commission to be in the public interest. Amends TCA Title 65. (HB376/SB426)
- Finance and Administration, Dept. of As enacted, requires, under the Long-Term Care Community Choices Act, the commissioner to recognize complex rehabilitation technology as a separate benefit category for the purposes of any proposed budget or other public documents, under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 68 and Title 71. (HB647/SB632)

- Motor Vehicles As enacted, removes the deployment, implementation, or use of a motor carrier safety improvement required by a motor carrier from being considered when evaluating a person's status as an employee or independent contractor. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 50; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 65. (HB756/SB663)
- Public Utility Commission As enacted, removes certain prohibitions concerning gifts made by commissioners of the Tennessee public utility commission that are different from other applicable gift prohibitions found in law. Amends TCA Title 3 and Section 65-1-107. (HB1241/SB1168)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, designates any facility on the campus of a public institution of higher education that is designed and used for school-sanctioned sporting events as a sports authority facility for purposes of consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises. Amends TCA Title 57. (SB598/HB850)
- Local Government, General As enacted, removes the requirement that the office of local government have a director who is both appointed by the comptroller of the treasury and serves at the pleasure of the comptroller of the treasury. Amends TCA Section 4-16-101. (SB320/HB337)
- Inheritance Laws As enacted, prohibits a person who intentionally killed the decedent from filing a wrongful death action based on the death of the decedent or sharing any portion of a wrongful death settlement or judgment resulting from the death of the decedent. Amends TCA Section 31-1-106. (SB381/HB596)
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, specifies that the comptroller of the treasury is the assessing authority for telecommunications tower properties that are owned by a public utility company. Amends TCA Section 67-5-514. (SB407/HB404)
- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, exempts historic military vehicles from the requirement to display license plates on the vehicle. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1. (SB493/HB149)
- Domestic Violence As enacted, creates Class A misdemeanor offense for a criminal defendant in a domestic assault case, or a person acting at the defendant's direction, by persuasion or any other means that do not constitute coercion to intentionally influence or attempt to influence a witness or prospective witness to engage in certain behavior. Amends TCA Title 29; Title 35; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB611/HB973)
- Bail, Bail Bonds As enacted, permits the clerk of court to send notice of forfeiture of bail security to a defendant by regular mail, rather than certified mail with restricted delivery and return receipt requested. Amends TCA Section 40-11-139. (SB680/HB833)
- Transportation, Dept. of As enacted, converts the department's construction manager/general contractor services (CM/GC) pilot program into a fully authorized project delivery method; establishes limitations for CM/GC contracts. Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 1. (SB779/HB923)
- Education, Dept. of As enacted, makes various changes to the state's special education laws; transfers, from the state board of education to the department of education, control over the state's special schools. Amends TCA Section 4-5-322; Title 49, Chapter 10 and Title 49, Chapter 50. (SB790/HB934)

- Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires an LEA to make certain interest inventories available to students in grades five through nine; requires an LEA to administer a career aptitude assessment to students in grades seven or eight. Amends TCA Section 49-6-412. (SB809/HB953)
- Handgun Permits As enacted, authorizes the department of safety to contract with a local government agency for the provision of any service related to the renewal of handgun carry permits; authorizes an agency contracting with the department to charge an additional fee of \$4.00 for each renewal application. Amends TCA Section 39-17-1351. (SB907/HB731)
- of the department of environment and conservation as part of the process of obtaining a discharge permit for a transportation project does not need to include alternative road locations but must include other measures to avoid and minimize impacts to resource values. Amends TCA Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1. (SB916/HB259)
- Public Records As enacted, requires that personally identifying information contained in motor vehicle accident reports be treated as confidential information and restricted from public disclosure; creates exceptions; revises other provisions governing motor vehicle accident reports. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 38; Title 40 and Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 1. (SB1346/HB1107)
- Disabled Persons As enacted, enacts the "Dynamic Accessibility Act," which provides for a modern symbol of access for disabled persons. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 12; Title 55 and Title 68. (SB46/HB62)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee state veterans' homes board to June 30, 2023; extends the length of the term of office for the chair of the Tennessee state veterans' homes board from one year to two years. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 58, Chapter 7. (SB124/HB456)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee peace officers standards and training commission to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 38, Chapter 8. (SB140/HB472)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Sam Davis memorial association, board of trustees to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 13, Part 3 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB154/HB486)
- Sewage As enacted, prohibits the commissioner of environment and conservation from denying a permit for a septic system solely because a public sewer system is accessible in certain circumstances; requires that for residential real estate sales involving property consisting of one to four residential units, the potential future obligation to connect to the public sewer system must be disclosed by the seller to the purchaser in the same manner as, and subject to the same remedies, as other known defects. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 4. (SB178/HB165)
- Opioids As enacted, defines "alternative treatments," for purposes of the requirement that prescribing physicians explain reasonable alternatives to opioids, as including chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, and other treatments that relieve pain without the use of opioids. Amends TCA Section 63-1-164. (SB194/HB150)

- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, removes various provisions regarding state property tax, including authority to place liens and issue distress warrants. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 8, Part 2 and Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 13. (SB241/HB403)
- 119 Consumer Protection As enacted, makes an unfair or deceptive act or practice certain legal advertisements for claims related to medical devices and pharmaceuticals, and the unauthorized use or distribution of protected health information; creates penalties for violations; authorizes attorney general to enforce the provisions of the act. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 23 and Title 47, Chapter 18. (SB352/HB352)
- Annexation As enacted, requires municipalities to record annexation resolutions and deannexation ordinances with the register of deeds in the county or counties affected by the boundary changes. Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51. (SB359/HB362)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, allows an insurance company to determine its obligations under an insurance policy as to all parties through a declaratory judgment action, an interpleader claim or action, or both, and creates a rebuttable presumption the insurance company is acting in good faith if the company files such an action or claim. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7. (SB413/HB348)
- Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates December 1 of each year as "Mrs. Rosa L. Parks Day," a day of special observance. Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 1. (SB500/HB958)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, clarifies it is not a defense to certain offenses that the solicitation was unsuccessful, that the conduct solicited was not engaged in, or that the law enforcement officer could not engage in the solicited offense. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13. (SB644/HB723)
- Drugs, Prescription As enacted, makes various changes concerning the prescription of certain Scheduled controlled substances. Amends TCA Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 4. (SB810/HB843)
- Herbal Products and Natural Foods As enacted, expands definition of "wild ginseng" to include ginseng introduced or increased in abundance in its natural habitat by introducing plantlets sourced from wild ginseng stock; defines plantlets. Amends TCA Title 70, Chapter 8, Part 2. (SB919/HB103)
- Gambling As enacted, enacts the "March Madness and Fantasy Football Freedom Act," which decriminalizes, under certain circumstances, wagers on fantasy sports leagues and sports pools. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 5. (SB1057/HB1033)
- Tickets, Admission As enacted, requires a ticket reseller using a tentative ticket policy to make certain disclosures during a resale transaction of tickets that are not owned or possessed by the reseller, under a contract for transfer to the reseller, in the reseller's possession at time of sale; requires the reseller to provide a refund if unsuccessful in securing the tickets; deems a violation to be a violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 47. (SB1176/HB1439)
- Election Laws As enacted, prohibits candidate who loses primary election from qualifying as a write-in candidate for the general election; prohibits write-in votes for

- such candidate from being counted for the general election. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 5 and Title 2, Chapter 7. (SB1258/HB762)
- Highways, Roads and Bridges As enacted, makes permanent the provision that is set to expire July 1, 2019, allowing counties to provide 2 percent matching funds for state-aid highway funds rather than 25 percent. Amends TCA Section 54-4-404. (SB1364/HB531)
- Courts As enacted, requires a court that issues orders granting custody or guardianship of children to relative caregivers to inform the relative caregiver that resources and funding may be available through the department of children's services; requires the department of children's services to distribute information on available relative caregiver resources to the administrative office of the courts, and the administrative office of the courts to distribute the information to each court within the state that issues orders regarding child custody or guardianship. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 36 and Title 37. (HB3/SB12)
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Dept. of As enacted, changes from once every five years to once every four years the timeframe during which social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, pastoral counselors, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, and occupational therapists must complete an approved suicide prevention training program. Amends TCA Section 63-1-125. (HB36/SB204)
- Charitable Institutions As enacted, increases from over \$30,000 to over \$50,000 the amount of gross contributions that must be raised or received from the public by a charitable organization in order to trigger registration requirements with the secretary of state. Amends TCA Section 48-101-502. (HB57/SB232)
- Comptroller, State As enacted, authorizes the comptroller to investigate Class A and B felonies related to private funds if there is a request by the attorney general and reporter or the district attorney general, the investigation is in conjunction with an open investigation by the Tennessee bureau of investigation, and an investigation would be in the public interest. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 4. (HB99/SB238)
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, allows a local board of education to authorize a teacher, school employee, or other person employed by the LEA to raise funds for noneducational purposes; requires the local board of education that authorizes funds to be raised for noneducational purposes to create policies and procedures for the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of funds raised. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 3. (HB34/SB375)
- Elder Abuse As enacted, creates the elder abuse task force. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 71 and Chapter 961 of the Public Acts of 2014. (HB249/SB199)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, removes requirement that a licensee attach a certificate of compliance from the local government for license renewal; requires licensees to annually file report with the commission stating the number of certified clerks employed by the licensee during the previous 12 months; revises and adds other provisions governing alcoholic beverages and beer. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 5. (HB683/SB1088)
- Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates June 27 of each year as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day," a day of special observance. Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (HB1148/SB1214)

- 138 Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires a board of education to allow a student who is the dependent child of a member of the United States armed forces and who does not reside within the boundaries of the school district to enroll in a public school within the school district under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB1194/SB1197)
- Law Enforcement As enacted, authorizes the chief law enforcement officer of a state or local law enforcement agency to establish policies regarding off-duty use of law enforcement vehicles to provide an enhanced security presence at vulnerable locations, which include places of worship, schools, and parks. Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 3. (HB1318/SB1337)
- 140 Criminal Procedure As enacted, enacts the "Sergeant Daniel Baker Act," which removes the appeal to the court of criminal appeals in death penalty cases; provides for automatic direct review by the Tennessee supreme court for convictions for which a sentence of death is imposed. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 2 and Title 40, Chapter 35. (HB258/SB400)
- Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, confers civil immunity on a local government for any defect or malfunction in a software program intended to assist families of non-communicative persons register with law enforcement if designed and distributed in good faith by the local government and without cost; provides exception to immunity for claims based on gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 86; Title 9; Title 36 and Title 38. (HB192/SB576)
- Liens As enacted, eliminates the provision whereby a real property owner who prevails in an action challenging the validity of a lien, including in a slander of title proceeding, may recover attorney's fees, costs, and damages. Amends TCA Section 66-21-108. (HB757/SB1172)
- 143 Correctional Programs As enacted, removes administrative attachment of the Tennessee corrections institute to the department of commerce and insurance; replaces the commissioner of commerce and insurance as the appointing authority for the executive director of the board of control of the institute, making the board of control the new appointing authority. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 41, Chapter 7. (HB1292/SB1360)
- Tobacco, Tobacco Products As enacted, limits the places in which one may use vapor products. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 15 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 16. (SB26/HB97)
- Driver Licenses As enacted, gives a person 65 years of age or older who applies for a photo identification license the option to receive a photo identification license that does not expire, instead of automatically receiving a photo identification license that does not expire. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67. (SB44/HB181)
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, specifies that a student may only enroll in two course access program courses per school year, unless additional courses are approved by the student's home LEA, and that students must pay all tuition and fees required for any additional courses taken during the same year; requires a home LEA to pay the required tuition and fees to a host LEA for the first two course access

- program courses in which a student is enrolled per school year. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 18. (SB166/HB241)
- Real Property As enacted, clarifies that a contract transferring a time-share is voidable by the purchaser for 10 days from the date of the signing of the contract, not 15 days, if the purchaser made an on-site inspection of a component site of the time-share project. Amends TCA Section 66-32-114. (SB263/HB230)
- 148 Comptroller, State As enacted, authorizes the comptroller of the treasury to audit private probation service providers; allows the comptroller to appoint a certified public accountant to conduct the audit; requires the probation service provider to pay for the audit. Amends TCA Section 40-35-302. (SB293/HB203)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, makes the enhanced maximum fine of up to \$15,000 applicable to aggravated assault when committed against an identifiable employee or contractor of a utility who is discharging or attempting to discharge such person's official duties. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1 and Title 65, Chapter 35. (SB481/HB901)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, expands the authorization to authorize, regulate, and control the commercial use of pedal carriages and rickshaws to any municipality or metropolitan government in the state and not just home rule municipalities and metropolitan governments. Amends TCA Section 55-26-102. (SB595/HB732)
- Civil Procedure As enacted, allows a party or non-party making certain filings with a court to redact portions of a person's social security number, taxpayer identification number, birth date, or financial account number or the name of a minor when included in the filing, unless such information is otherwise required by statute, rule, or order. Amends TCA Section 10-7-504; Title 19; Title 20; Title 21; Title 24; Title 27 and Title 28. (SB955/HB1003)
- Local Government, General As enacted, increases pay supplement from \$600 to \$800 for police officers and firefighters who complete 40 hours of in-service training.
 Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 24, Part 2 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1. (SB793/HB937)
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires an LEA to report to the department of education, for each year that the LEA receives an increase in state funding for instructional wages and salaries, how the increase was utilized by the LEA; requires the department of education to report the information to the BEP review committee; requires the BEP review committee to include the information in its annual report on the BEP. Amends TCA Section 49-3-306. (SB802/HB946)
- Education As enacted, requires, instead of authorizes, the Tennessee school safety center to establish school safety grants to assist LEAs in funding programs that address school safety; revises other various provisions regarding school safety grants.

 Amends TCA Section 49-1-1004 and Section 49-6-4302. (SB803/HB947)
- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, authorizes certain off-highway vehicles that are capable of holding no more than four passengers to be registered as Class I vehicles for operation on county roads. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 3; Title 55, Chapter 4 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (SB1387/HB426)
- Death As enacted, authorizes the development and use of a commemorative certificate of nonviable birth. Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68. (SB1389/HB966)

- Taxes, Sales As enacted, delays effective date of certain streamlined sales tax provisions until July 1, 2021. Amends TCA Title 67; Chapter 72 of the Public Acts of 2011; Chapter 193 of the Public Acts of 2017; Chapter 273 of the Public Acts of 2015; Chapter 480 of the Public Acts of 2013; Chapter 530 of the Public Acts of 2009 and Chapter 602 of the Public Acts of 2007. (HB931/SB787)
- Local Government, General As enacted, prohibits a local government from banning or regulating certain auxiliary containers; specifies that the state is the exclusive regulator of food and drink sellers, vendors, vending machine operators, food establishments, and food service establishments and prohibits local governments from taking certain actions in regard to such entities and activities. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 53; Title 62; Title 67 and Title 68. (HB1021/SB431)
- Taxes, Amusement As enacted, exempts from the tax admission, dues, fees, or other charges paid to any person principally engaged in offering services or facilities for the development or preservation of physical fitness through exercise or other active physical fitness conditioning. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 2 and Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3. (HB1138/SB960)
- Process, Service of As enacted, adds a private process server to the list of individuals authorized to personally serve a copy of a warrant or summons on behalf of a landlord in an action for forcible entry and detainer to regain possession of such landlord's real property. Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 18. (HB33/SB401)
- Funeral Directors and Embalmers As enacted, authorizes qualified aliens enumerated in federal law to apply for an embalmer's license; changes the requirement that an applicant for an embalmer's license have obtained an associate of arts degree to an associate degree. Amends TCA Section 62-5-307. (HB48/SB856)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, exempts from sales and use tax services by car wash facilities, coin-operated or otherwise, where the customer remains in custody of the vehicle and the preponderance of the vehicle's wash is completed by the customer or automated equipment. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 2. (HB84/SB237)
- Ethics As enacted, removes term limits for members of the Tennessee ethics commission; extends time for the general assembly to confirm appointees to the commission from 30 to 90 days. Amends TCA Section 3-6-103. (HB170/SB1106)
- Animal Cruelty and Abuse As enacted, creates Class A misdemeanor of possessing, owning, selling, transferring, or manufacturing cock fighting paraphernalia with the intent that the paraphernalia be used in promoting, facilitating, training for, or furthering cock fighting. Amends TCA Title 39. (HB233/SB222)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, revises provisions governing commissions under the Tennessee Insurance Producer Licensing Act of 2002. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 6 and Title 56, Chapter 8. (HB272/SB1299)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the trial court vacancy commission to June 30, 2024, and revises the attendance requirements for members of the commission. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 17, Chapter 4, Part 3. (HB447/SB115)
- 167 Courts As enacted, allows a court to exercise domestic relations jurisdiction regardless of the nature of the allegations unless and until a pleading is filed or relief

- is otherwise sought in a juvenile court invoking its exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings in which a child is alleged to be delinquent, unruly or dependent and neglected, or to have committed a juvenile traffic offense. Amends TCA Section 37-1-103. (HB854/SB719)
- Mining and Quarrying As enacted, relieves the commissioner of labor and workforce development of responsibilities concerning mine rescue operations; deletes statutes establishing the mine rescue corps within the department of labor and workforce development. Amends TCA Title 59, Chapter 12. (HB925/SB781)
- Advertising As enacted, requires certain outdoor advertising structures to obtain a permit or tag from the commissioner of transportation. Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 21, Part 1. (HB963/SB902)
- Taxes, Ad Valorem As enacted, provides that a purchaser of a parcel subject to delinquent taxes may only demand rents or profits from the occupier of the parcel after the purchaser has made an advance demand for such rents or profits; makes other revisions regarding delinquent tax proceedings. Amends TCA Section 21-1-205 and Title 67, Chapter 5. (HB1112/SB712)
- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, adds the word "valor" to the Silver Star specialty license plate. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. (HB1154/SB639)
- Education As enacted, establishes a task force regarding the creation of the Tennessee outdoor education and recreation grant program. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11; Title 49 and Title 70. (SB58/HB94)
- Secretary of State As enacted, clarifies only a natural person or individual may participate in fantasy sports contests offered by fantasy sports operators. -Amends TCA Section 47-18-1602. (SB172/HB495)
- 174 Cooperatives As enacted, removes certain restrictions on concurrent operation with microwave systems; revises provisions governing the providing of telecommunications services. Amends TCA Title 65, Chapter 25. (SB210/HB172)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes off-highway vehicles to be operated on certain segments of state highways in Johnson County. Amends TCA Section 55-8-185. (SB225/HB529)
- Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission As enacted, allows wildlife resource officers to authorize payroll deductions for the payment of membership dues for organizations that meet certain criteria. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 23 and Title 70. (SB342/HB250)
- Juvenile Offenders As enacted, adds "aggravated sexual battery" to the list of offenses for which petitions and orders of the court in a delinquency proceeding that may be otherwise confidential and restricted as to who may inspect are opened to public inspection and their content are subject to disclosure to the public if the juvenile is 14 or more years of age at the time of the alleged act. Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 40. (SB584/HB622)
- Taxes, Exemption and Credits As enacted, extends the exemption from sales and use tax on trailers used to transport livestock when such trailer is sold to a qualified farmer or nurseryman to also exempt such sales of trailers used to transport farm products, nursery stock, or equipment, supplies or products used in agriculture, or

- for other agricultural purposes relating to the operation and maintenance of a farm. Amends TCA Title 55 and Title 67. (SB713/HB1271)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, extends expiration date of reporting requirement to department of revenue by wholesalers of food, candy, or nonalcoholic beverages regarding net sales of such products to retailers from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2022; revises other provisions related to required reports. Amends TCA Section 67-6-410. (SB786/HB930)
- Regional Authorities and Special Districts As enacted, allows the East Tennessee regional agribusiness marketing authority to develop, market, and promote facilities for warehousing, distribution, light manufacturing, and agribusiness purposes, and enter lease purchase agreements by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the board, and removes tax exempt status for any ETRAMA property sold under a lease purchase agreement. Amends TCA Title 64, Chapter 10, Part 1. (SB918/HB503)
- Solid Waste Disposal As enacted, specifies that gasification facilities and pyrolysis facilities are not solid waste facilities or incinerators, post-use polymers and recoverable feedstocks are not solid waste, and gasification facilities and pyrolysis facilities are subject to any other applicable environmental, health, and safety requirements for such facilities. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 211. (SB923/HB219)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, specifies that, with regard to premium rates for health benefit plans subject to the Tennessee Small Employer Group Health Coverage Reform Act, self-insurer pools consisting of two or more member employers of the same trade or professional organization with at least 500 covered lives are not prohibited from using case characteristics, claim experience, health status, or duration of coverage since issue in determining initial or adjusted premium rates for employers pooling their liabilities. Amends TCA Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63. (SB942/HB1044)
- Health Care As enacted, permits advanced practice nurses and physician assistants who are prescribers at community mental health centers to arrange for chart review by and site visits with certain collaborating physicians by means of HIPAA-compliant electronic information systems. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 19; Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 7. (SB972/HB1135)
- Traffic Safety As enacted, prohibits persons from loitering or conducting any commercial activity in, or in proximity to, the median of a state highway; creates a Class C misdemeanor offense that requires issuance of a warning citation for a first offense; creates certain exceptions. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 8. (SB1045/HB832)
- Civil Procedure As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Public Participation Act," which creates a process by which a person may petition a court to dismiss a legal action that is based on the person's exercise of the right to free speech, right to petition, or right of association. Amends TCA Title 20. (SB1097/HB777)
- Contractors As enacted, establishes continuing education requirements for residential contractors. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5 and Title 62, Chapter 6. (SB1336/HB1064)

- DUI Offenses As enacted, revises provisions governing blood and breath tests for determining the presence of drugs and alcohol. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13; Title 40, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4. (SB1342/HB761)
- Health Care As enacted, extends and revises the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 7; Title 55; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB1349/HB527)
- State Employees As enacted, extends continued health coverage to the surviving spouses and children of park rangers who are killed in the line of duty to the same extent as survivors of other first responders who are killed in the line of duty. Amends TCA Title 7; Title 8; Title 11 and Title 58. (SB1482/HB1134)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, exempts certain motor vehicle dismantlers and recyclers from the requirement to keep certain records of transactions of buying or selling automobile parts. Amends TCA Section 55-17-109; Title 55, Chapter 3, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 5, Part 1. (SB1491/HB533)
- Education, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department to develop rules, to be adopted by the state board of education, that include procedures for providing instruction to students incarcerated in juvenile detention centers for a minimum of four hours each instructional day. Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 49.(SB62/HB499)
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, reduces, from no less than four to no more than four, the number of high school students who may serve on a local board of education as advisory, nonvoting members; deletes the requirement that half of the high school students selected to serve on the board must be enrolled in the college preparatory track and half must be enrolled in the technology track. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 2. (SB180/HB196)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, enacts the "Proton Therapy Access Act." Amends TCA Title 8; Title 56 and Title 71. (SB195/HB184)
- Taxes, Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, extends by one year the manner in which liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds are distributed to local political subdivisions. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 49; Title 57 and Title 67. (SB350/HB102)
- Licenses As enacted, revises provisions governing expedited issuance of certain professional licenses for certain armed forces members and their spouses to instead exempt such persons from licensure in certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 13; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1. (SB384/HB304)
- Process, Service of As enacted, revises provisions governing identifying the person who makes service of process. Amends TCA Section 16-15-901. (SB456/HB393)
- Trusts As enacted, revises various provisions governing trusts and estates. Amends TCA Title 30; Title 31; Title 32; Title 34; Title 35 and Title 67. (SB542/HB675)
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes Coffee County to levy a privilege tax of up to 2.5 percent upon the privilege of occupancy by a two-thirds vote of its governing body. Amends TCA Section 67-4-1425. (SB567/HB630)
- Expunction As enacted, permits an eligible petitioner to have multiple, nonviolent convictions for offenses that resulted from the petitioner's status as a victim of human trafficking expunged if the expunction is in the best interest of justice and

- public safety and other requirements met. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40, Chapter 32. (SB577/HB193)
- Expunction As enacted, removes \$180 fee for an individual petitioning the court for an expunction of certain criminal offenses; removes \$350 fee for a defendant applying for expunction of an offense following the completion of a diversion program. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 32 and Title 40, Chapter 35. (SB797/HB941)
- 201 Controlled Substances As enacted, increases the penalty to a Class B felony for 15 grams or more or a Class A felony for 150 grams or more of fentanyl, carfentanil, remifentanil, alfentanil, thiafentanil, or any fentanyl derivative or analogue. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4. (SB798/HB942)
- Salaries and Benefits As enacted, reinstates service credits and salary increases that were suspended during 2009-2010 for assistant public defenders and assistant district attorneys. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 2. (SB799/HB943)
- Scholarships and Financial Aid As enacted, enacts the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education Act; specifies that financial assistance received for all dual enrollment courses attempted after the fourth dual enrollment course reduces any subsequent award of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship. Amends TCA Section 49-4-930. (SB805/HB949) {Appendix "A"}
- Education As enacted, transfers, from the state board of education to the department of education, the authority to accept and administer federal funds for the purpose of promoting public education; designates the department of education as the state board for career and technical education; grants the department of education the authority to administer annual appropriations made for career and technical education; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Section 49-1-202; Title 49, Chapter 11; Section 49-3-201; Section 49-3-302 and Section 49-3-318. (SB808/HB952)
- 205 Schools, Charter As enacted, revises the requirements for revocation of a public charter school's charter based on having been identified as a priority school. Amends TCA Section 49-13-122. (SB836/HB1083)
- 206 Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes off-highway vehicles to be operated on a certain segment of state highway in Perry County. Amends TCA Section 55-8-185. (SB846/HB1332)
- Barbers and/or Cosmetologists As enacted, exempts a person who engages in hair braiding from the cosmetologist licensure requirements if certain requirements met. Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 3 and Title 62, Chapter 4. (SB1185/HB320)
- 208 Criminal Procedure As enacted, extends the date, from January 1, 2020, to February 1, 2020, before which the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations must submit a report on its study of global positioning monitoring as a condition of bail to the speakers and chairs of the judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives. Amends TCA Section 39-13-111; Title 40, Chapter 11 and Chapter 827 of the Public Acts of 2018. (SB1313/HB1479)
- 209 Motor Vehicles As enacted, revises various provisions governing towing of vehicles and liens of garagekeepers and towing firms; expands the towing advisory board from

- nine to 11 members by adding a member appointed by the Tennessee Trucking Association and a member appointed by the American Car Rental Association. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 16 and Title 55, Chapter 23. (SB1493/HB538)
- Business and Commerce As enacted, prohibits a county or municipality from requiring a license, fee, permit, or other form of regulation for a business that is operated solely by a person under 18 years of age, is located on private property with the property owner's permission, and generates gross receipts of contributions of \$3,000 or less in a calendar year. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1. (HB12/SB433)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, increases the punishment for a conviction of aggravated rape of a child from "15 to 60 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000" to "life in prison without the possibility of parole." Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35. (HB283/SB290)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee public television council to June 30, 2025; adds the chairs of the government operations committees of the senate and house to the list of persons who receive an annual report of service provided and requests for appropriations. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 9. (HB478/SB146)
- Real Property As enacted, establishes the Tennessee State Plane Coordinate System as new system of defining and stating geographic positions and locations in Tennessee. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1; Title 4, Chapter 16 and Title 66, Chapter 6. (HB699/SB997)
- Employees, Employers As enacted, adds private employers to the types of employers subject to the requirements of the Healthy Workplace Act; clarifies that the Healthy Workplace Act does not create a cause of action against an employer who does not adopt the model policy created by TACIR or adopt a policy that conforms to the requirements set out in TACIR'S policy. Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 1. (HB856/SB815)
- State Symbols As enacted, designates the poem "My Tennessee," written by Michael McDonald in 1984, as an official state poem of Tennessee. Amends TCA Section 4-1-303. (HB912/SB473)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes automobile transporters meeting certain length limitations to operate on the national network of highways; revises related vehicle size, weight, and load provisions. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 7. (HB924/SB780)
- 217 Consumer Protection As enacted, increases from \$10,000 to \$30,000 the civil penalty amount per violation that the attorney general and reporter may recover in an action against a person who commits the offense of caller identification spoofing; encourages carriers offering telephone services in this state to adopt certain technologies and measures. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 39; Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 65. (HB1245/SB754)
- Governor As enacted, establishes a governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives. Amends TCA Title 4. (HB1139/SB961) {Appendix "B"}

- Schools, Charter As enacted, revises various provisions of the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002; creates public charter school commission. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13. (HB940/SB796) {Appendix "C"}
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, decreases the frequency that banks that collect property taxes must provide evidence of such payments to the trustee, from daily to at least every three business days; deletes an obsolete code section; deletes outdated references to penalties that are no longer applied. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5. (HB51/SB393)
- Public Records As enacted, provides that any legislation of the house of representatives that creates an exception to the requirement deeming records of public entities to be open for inspection by the public must be referred to the government operations committee according to the rules of the house of representatives. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 8, Chapter 4, Part 6 and Title 10, Chapter 7. (HB86/SB167)
- Medical Occupations As enacted, deletes age requirement and certain other requirements for persons practicing ultrasound sonography in a nonclinical 3D/4D ultrasound boutique setting. Amends TCA Title 63. (HB104/SB266)
- Firearms and Ammunition As enacted, prohibits local government entities from imposing greater restrictions or requirements on privately owned or operated sport shooting ranges than are applicable to any range located within the same unit of local government and owned or operated by a government entity. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17. (HB187/SB446)
- 224 Codes As enacted, beginning January 1, 2020, requires electrical inspectors employed by a municipality, a county, or this state to be certified by the state fire marshal; establishes a recertification process for such electrical inspectors every three years; requires certain electrical inspectors under contract with the commissioner of commerce and insurance to be certified on and after January 1, 2020. Amends TCA Title 68. (HB295/SB1190)
- Public Contracts As enacted, authorizes utility districts and utility authorities to contract for construction management services during local construction projects. Amends TCA Section 12-4-107. (HB381/SB391)
- Local Government, General As enacted, clarifies applicable date in regard to a hotel facility under the Convention Center and Tourism Development Financing Act of 1998 and the apportionment and distribution of the incremental increase in local sales and use tax revenue associated with the qualified hotel facility. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 88, Part 1. (HB396/SB212)
- 227 Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes the commissioner of revenue to coordinate with original equipment manufacturers (OEM) that have issued a major recall and have requested assistance from the department, including those manufacturers that have issued a recall related to airbags manufactured and installed in vehicles between 2000 and 2018, to contact registrants who may be affected by a major recall and to provide notice of the recall and the availability of repair options. Amends TCA Title 55. (HB536/SB1492)
- 228 Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, allows certain utilities to enter into agreements to provide certain coverage, insurance, or service agreements to customers; allows

- certain utilities to assist customers in installing or maintaining certain equipment; authorizes the costs for the coverage, insurance, service agreements, and equipment installation and maintenance to be added to customer bills or statements. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 34; Title 7, Chapter 36; Title 7, Chapter 52, Part 1 and Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 3. (HB603/SB1366)
- Health Care As enacted, extends the authority to barter for healthcare services if the patient is not covered by health insurance to all healthcare professionals instead of only physicians. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB655/SB1206)
- Guardians and Conservators As enacted, allows the district public guardian to serve as conservator for disabled persons younger than 60 years of age, if certain conditions are met. Amends TCA Section 34-7-104. (HB686/SB711)
- Criminal Procedure As enacted, adds the sale or distribution of a substance containing fentanyl, carfentanil, or any opiate with the intent and premeditation to commit murder as an aggravating circumstance for the imposition of the death penalty or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole. Amends TCA Title 39. (HB705/SB1368)
- 232 Sexual Offenders As enacted, adds conviction of a new sexual offense, violent sexual offense, or violent juvenile sexual offense as violation of the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification and Tracking Act of 2004. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 39. (HB838/SB1134)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, removes certain qualifications for the supervision of prospective clinical pastoral therapists; authorizes the board of clinical pastoral therapists to establish its own qualifications for supervisors. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 2. (HB868/SB1084)
- Election Laws As enacted, authorizes Rutherford County to establish a program to operate convenient voting centers for federal, state, and local elections under certain conditions. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 3. (HB1078/SB726) {Appendix "D"}
- 235 Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes operation of off-highway vehicles on a certain segments of State Route 116 in Anderson County. Amends TCA Section 55-8-185. (HB1142/SB1383)
- Landlord and Tenant As enacted, establishes process for landlords to verify need of tenants and prospective tenants to have pet policies waived to accommodate the need for a service or support animal; creates penalties for misrepresentation. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 13, Chapter 20; Title 33; Title 39; Title 44, Chapter 17; Title 44, Chapter 8, Part 4; Title 63; Title 66 and Title 68. (HB1190/SB1393)
- Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, removes certain discontinuance of service requirements of utilities in Nashville/Davidson County; requires such utilities to establish policies in compliance with service practice standards and best practices for similarly situated utilities. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 52 and Title 65, Chapter 32. (HB1242/SB1095)
- **238** Education, Higher As enacted, requires the department of correction, in partnership with the Tennessee higher education commission and the board of regents, to develop and submit to the general assembly an annual report detailing the higher education

- opportunities available to eligible incarcerated individuals in this state. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 49 and Title 50. (HB1303/SB1061)
- Health Care As enacted, revises the notice requirements with which a health care facility must comply under certain circumstances in order to preserve an assignment of health insurance benefits to an out-of-network facility-based physician, or from collecting out-of-network charges from an insured. Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 68. (HB1342/SB1120)
- 240 Health Care As enacted, adds neonatal care as a component of the department of health's plan for perinatal care; adds a reporting requirement for the Bureau of TennCare. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 8. (HB1388/SB1470)
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes the City of Erwin, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote, to levy an occupancy tax of not more than 2.5 percent on the privilege of staying in any hotel or motel in Erwin; the ordinance must set forth the manner of collection and administration of the privilege tax; requires that all proceeds received by the municipality from the tax be used for tourism development. Amends TCA Section 67-4-1425. (HB73/SB858)
- Clerks, Court As enacted, authorizes the disposal of delinquent and unruly juvenile court records and documents after a period of 10 years following the juvenile reaching 18 years of age; requires notice of proposed order to district attorney general. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 18, Chapter 1. (HB168/SB214)
- State Government As enacted, requires agencies to ensure the provision of appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if the agency requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession in this state to take an examination; not applicable to an examination mandated and administered pursuant to federal law. Amends TCA Title 4. (HB252/SB759)
- 244 Criminal Procedure As enacted, requires a judge, at the time of sentencing, to notify a person convicted of a misdemeanor offense that is eligible for expunction of the person's eligibility to have all public records of the conviction destroyed and the time period after which the person can petition for expunction of the offense. Amends TCA Title 40. (HB266/SB778)
- Nurses, Nursing As enacted, restricts the use of the title "nurse" to those actively licensed or certified by the board of nursing; revises the provisions governing the board of nursing's enjoining violations of practicing nursing without a license. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 8; Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4 and Title 63. (HB422/SB743)
- Financial Responsibility Law As enacted, requires officers to request evidence of compliance with the financial responsibility law when a driver of a motor vehicle violates a motor vehicle equipment requirement. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 12 and Title 55, Chapter 9. (HB571/SB859)
- Trusts As enacted, revises provisions governing pre-need funeral contracts funded by trusts. Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 5, Part 4. (HB785/SB602)
- **248** Education As enacted, makes various changes to state education laws; revises certain duties of the commissioner of education; transfers certain duties from the department of education to local boards of education; transfers certain duties from

- the state board of education to local education agencies. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB788/SB1251)
- 249 Correction, Dept. of As enacted, revises provisions governing grants made by the department to fund reentry programs that reduce recidivism and probation revocations; redefines recidivism. Amends TCA Title 40. (HB926/SB782)
- Election Laws As enacted, establishes requirements for person or organization that has not been designated by the county election commission to conduct supplemental voter registration drives that attempts to register 100 or more people to vote; revises and adds various provisions governing elections. Amends TCA Title 2. (HB1079/SB971) {Appendix "D"}
- 251 Criminal Offenses As enacted, redefines "public place" for purposes of the offense of indecent exposure; includes a restroom, locker room, dressing room, or shower, designated for multi-person, single-sex use. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. (HB1151/SB1297)
- Mobile Homes and Manufactured Buildings As enacted, revises escort and permit requirements for certain over-dimension movements. Amends TCA Title 13; Title 45; Title 47; Title 55; Title 62; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68. (HB1361/SB376)
- 253 Special License Plates As enacted, authorizes various new special license plates and grants additional time for certain plates to meet the minimum order requirement. Amends TCA Title 55. (SB42/HB179)
- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, makes references to the antique motor vehicle registration fee consistent. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67. (SB45/HB182)
- 255 Medical Occupations As enacted, creates exemptions to licensure and certification requirements, as applicable, for certain medical professionals licensed in other states who are participating in federal Innovative Readiness Training programs. Amends TCA Title 58 and Title 63. (SB53/HB496)
- 256 Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires an LEA that has one or more school buses operating in the LEA with a camera or video camera installed inside a school bus that is used to transport students to and from school or school-sponsored activities to adopt a policy that establishes a process to allow a parent, guardian, or person having custody of a student to view photographs or video footage collected from the camera. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6. (SB182/HB248)
- 257 Industrial Development As enacted, revises provisions governing redevelopment of brownfield sites in economically disadvantaged areas. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 53. (SB355/HB327)
- 258 Milk, Dairy Products As enacted, prohibits the department of agriculture from regulating the production of unpasteurized butter in certain circumstances; requires warning label. Amends TCA Title 53, Chapter 3. (SB358/HB532)
- 259 Physicians and Surgeons As enacted, specifies that requirement for licensure of persons who practice medicine does not prohibit a licensed nonresidential office-

based opiate treatment facility from employing or contracting with a physician if the facility has a physician in the ownership structure of its controlling business entity and the employment relationship between the physician to be employed or contracted with and the nonresidential office-based opiate treatment facility is evidenced by a written contract or employment agreement containing language that does not restrict the physician from exercising independent professional medical judgment in diagnosing and treating patients. - Amends TCA Title 33, Chapter 2; Title 63 and Title 68, Chapter 11. (SB367/HB341)

- 260 Public Officials As enacted, revises provisions governing bonds of public officers. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 1; Title 8, Chapter 19 and Title 8, Chapter 8. (SB394/HB391)
- Finance and Administration, Dept. of As enacted, deletes restriction on size of grant the department is authorized to make to the Tennessee sheriffs' association from statewide automated victim information and notification system fund for management of system; corrects language regarding deposits into such fund. Amends TCA Section 40-38-505 and Section 67-4-602. (SB450/HB331)
- Mental Illness As enacted, requires court clerks to report the race, sex, and, if known, social security number of a person judicially committed or adjudicated a mental defective to the federal bureau of investigation-NICS index and the department of safety for use in determining a person's eligibility to purchase firearms; requires that such information be confidential. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 33 and Section 38-6-109. (SB472/HB677)
- Wine & Wineries As enacted, renames the "direct shipper's license" to be "winery direct shipper's license". Amends TCA Title 57. (SB536/HB1068)
- 264 Controlled Substances As enacted, requires, under the Tennessee Prescription Safety Act, the controlled substance committee or the commissioner of health to release confidential information from the controlled substance database to the attorney general and reporter upon request for the purpose of reviewing, querying, or otherwise using the data in conjunction with investigating or litigating a civil action involving controlled substances. Amends TCA Title 29; Title 39; Title 40; Title 43; Title 53 and Title 67. (SB566/HB1293)
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, revises provisions governing place of assessment. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 53; Title 48; Title 64 and Section 67-5-502. (SB708/HB1269)
- 266 Education, Higher As enacted, requires a degree-granting postsecondary educational institution to designate a staff member to serve as a homeless-student liaison to assist homeless students who are enrolled in the institution, and to develop a plan to provide homeless students who are enrolled in the institution access to housing resources, if the institution offers housing resources. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB763/HB1000)
- Boats, Boating As enacted, requires a marina, livery, or other rental operation to provide motorboat orientation to a renter before hiring, leasing, or renting a motorboat to the renter. Amends TCA Title 69, Chapter 9. (SB857/HB540)

- 268 Criminal Offenses As enacted, rewrites the criminal offense of female genital mutilation; extends the statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions or civil actions for female genital mutilation. Amends TCA Title 28; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB1166/HB1364)
- 269 Education, Curriculum As enacted, requires that the family life curriculum used in public schools include instruction on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of human trafficking in which the victim is a child; requires each local board of education to require that each teacher employed by the board receive a one-time in-service training on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of human trafficking in which the victim is a child, which must be accomplished through the viewing of a video recording approved by the LEA. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1195/HB970)
- 270 Education, State Board of As enacted, authorizes the state board to extend the six-year period required for the standards review and development committees and advisory teams to review the standards for English language arts and mathematics one time for a period not to exceed three years. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3. (SB1241/HB737)
- Election Laws As enacted, prohibits a person convicted of voter fraud in any state from assisting a person with voting in this state, including early voting and by absentee ballot. Amends TCA Title 2. (SB1264/HB860)
- Education, Curriculum As enacted, revises provisions governing released time courses. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1373/HB307)
- 273 Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes off-highway vehicles to be operated on certain segments of state highways in Morgan County. Amends TCA Section 55-8-185. (SB1375/HB221)
- 274 Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires LEAs to provide students and parents of students enrolled in grades 9-12 with certain information regarding college and career experiences. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1398/HB1374)
- 275 Health, Dept. of As enacted, authorizes the department to seek a federal grant from the federal department of health and human services' health resources and services administration, or any other applicable entity, to develop a training program for certified nurse practitioners in treating and processing a minor who is a victim of certain sexual offenses; requires the training program to be free of charge for participants. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 38; Title 39; Title 63 and Title 68. (SB1468/HB1315)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, statutorily sets the excess height movement for which a road survey is required to be those in excess of 15 feet 6 inches. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2. (SB1498/HB1090)
- 277 Municipal Government As enacted, requires municipalities to contract with a bank for the deposit of municipal funds; requires periodic evaluation of such contracts. Amends TCA Title 6. (SB72/HB204)
- Judgments As enacted, enacts the "Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act." Amends TCA Title 25 and Title 26. (SB275/HB1032)

- Firearms and Ammunition As enacted, updates the definitions of "firearm" and "antique firearm" to mirror definitions under federal law; makes various changes related to updated definitions. Amends TCA Section 39-11-106; Section 39-13-103 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13. (SB594/HB712)
- 280 Tennessee Higher Education Commission As enacted, requires, by February 15 of each year, the commission to provide a report to the general assembly detailing appropriations made to, and matching funds received by, each federal land-grant institution of higher education in this state for certain programs. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB668/HB823)
- 281 Criminal Procedure As enacted, prohibits a court from accepting any plea agreement that allows an elected public official who is charged with an infamous crime involving an offense committed in the person's official capacity or involving the duties of the person's office from qualifying for, seeking, or holding public office at some point in the future. Amends TCA Title 2; Title 8, Chapter 18; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB731/HB891)
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes the City of Ashland City, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote, to levy an occupancy tax of not more than 2.5 percent on the privilege of staying in any hotel or motel in Ashland City; the ordinance must set forth the manner of collection and administration of the privilege tax; requires that all proceeds received by the municipality from the tax be used for tourism development. Amends TCA Section 67-4-1425. (SB7/HB118)
- 283 Education As enacted, extends the date of the repeal of the Virtual Public Schools Act from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 16. (SB20/HB70)
- Naming and Designating As enacted, names the visitor center at the Tipton-Haynes Historic Site in Johnson City in honor of Penny McLaughlin. (SB21/HB119)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the employee suggestion award board to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 27 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB97/HB429)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of human resources to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB109/HB441)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of boiler rules to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 122. (SB120/HB452)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the elevator and amusement device safety board to June 20, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 121. (SB121/HB453)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state unemployment compensation advisory council to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 50, Chapter 7. (SB122/HB454)
- 290 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the prevailing wage commission to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 12, Chapter 4. (SB123/HB455)

- 291 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of commerce and insurance to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB138/HB469)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state board of education to June 30, 2024. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3. (SB143/HB475)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the energy efficient schools council to June 30, 2023; requires the council and the department of education to appear before sunset review committee in 2019 to discuss progress made in addressing findings in its 2018 audit. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 17. (SB144/HB476)
- 294 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Austin Peay State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB147/HB479)
- 295 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the East Tennessee State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB148/HB480)
- 296 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Middle Tennessee State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB149/HB481)
- 297 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB150/HB482)
- 298 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee Technological University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB151/HB483)
- 299 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the University of Memphis, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB152/HB484)
- 300 Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages and beer for consumption on the premises of Zoo Knoxville and Nashville Zoo during the zoos' regular operating hours. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 4. (SB181/HB71)
- Taxes, Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, abolishes the \$1,000 privilege tax to the state, \$1,000 privilege tax to the county, and, if applicable, \$1,000 privilege tax to the municipality in which a manufacturing plant is located that must be paid by a manufacturer of alcoholic drinks and solids, other than beer, capable of being consumed by human beings. Amends TCA Title 57. (SB206/HB1066)
- Public Defenders As enacted, changes employee title from assistant executive director to deputy executive director; allows attorneys in the office of executive director a reasonable length of time to conclude or transfer private legal matters pending at the time of employment. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 14 and Title 9, Chapter 4. (SB294/HB1288)
- 303 Tobacco, Tobacco Products As enacted, expands the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act and other laws concerning juveniles' access to

- tobacco and vaping products to apply to hemp for smoking. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Section 68-1-132. (SB360/HB1284)
- Education As enacted, authorizes LEAs to offer internship programs for elective credits in the high school curriculum through cooperative agreements with local and state governments. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (SB504/HB559)
- 305 Sunset Laws As enacted, schedules the sunset date of the Tennessee radiologic imaging and radiation therapy board of examiners to be June 30, 2020. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63. (SB511/HB724)
- Taxes, Excise As enacted, revises provisions governing net earnings and net losses for purposes of the Excise Tax Law of 1999. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20. (SB558/HB1028)
- Health, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department to include data related to complications of induced abortions, including the number of complications and the types of complications, in its annual report of selected induced termination of pregnancy data. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB614/HB711)
- 308 Consumer Protection As enacted, requires travel promoters to use trust accounts to avoid commingling their funds with customer funds that are held for disbursement for payment of travel services. Amends TCA Title 47 and Title 62. (SB634/HB1163)
- 309 Sentencing As enacted, adds to sentencing considerations available community-based alternatives to confinement and the benefits that imposing such alternatives may provide to the community should be considered when the offense is nonviolent and the defendant is the primary caregiver of a dependent child. Amends TCA Title 40 and Title 41. (SB985/HB1449)
- 310 TennCare As enacted, requires the bureau to establish a program that identifies child TennCare enrollees who are likely to be eligible for federal supplemental security income due to disability upon reaching 18 years of age; requires the program to initiate counseling with and provide enrollment assistance to the child to prevent a gap in TennCare eligibility upon the child reaching 18 years of age. Amends TCA Title 71. (SB1286/HB616)
- 311 Remedies and Special Proceedings As enacted, defines "guardian" or "legal guardian" as "a person having the legal authority to provide for the care, supervision, and control of a minor child as established by law or court order" for purposes of criminal injuries compensation. Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 13. (SB1324/HB864)
- Juvenile Offenders As enacted, revises the provisions for judicial diversion for juvenile offenders under certain circumstances; clarifies offenses for which a juvenile offender may be committed to the department of children's services; authorizes probation for juvenile traffic offenders; clarifies various other provisions related to juvenile court proceedings. Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1. (SB1325/HB1319)
- 313 Juvenile Offenders As enacted, clarifies that a child must have been "adjudicated delinquent" of specified offenses in order for the requirements that a child's school

- receive notification and that parents, guardians, and legal custodians notify a school principal, or a principal's designee, Amends TCA Section 37-1-131(a)(2)(B) and Section 49-6-3051(b). (SB1326/HB1320)
- Metropolitan Government As enacted, defines the county seat, if the county seat is an incorporated municipality, as the principal city for purposes of county and city consolidation, if the largest city by population in the county fails to adopt a consolidation resolution within 90 days of the county's adoption of a consolidation resolution. Amends TCA Title 7. (SB1363/HB1357)
- Local Government, General As enacted, prohibits local governments from imposing certain requirements on alarm systems contractors; adds certain other provisions under the Alarm Contractors Licensing Act. Amends TCA Title 7 and Title 62, Chapter 32. (SB1443/HB602)
- Arrests As enacted, removes certain circumstances in which a citation in lieu of arrest may not be issued; makes various other changes and corrections. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 11 and Title 40, Chapter 7. (SB587/HB715)
- Planning, Public As enacted, creates an appeal process for decisions of a housing authority regarding a transit-oriented redevelopment project to a legislative appeal board; requires votes on amendments to transit-oriented redevelopment plans within 60 days of submission; reduces the amount of administrative expenses that can be set aside from certain incremental tax revenues, from 5 percent to 3 percent. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 23 and Title 13, Chapter 20. (HB74/SB1101)
- 318 Medical Occupations As enacted, authorizes persons who possess certain qualifications to obtain a provisional license as a speech language pathologist. Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68. (HB339/SB1211)
- 319 Dentists and Dentistry As enacted, permits dental hygienists to exercise prescriptive authority that is limited to fluoride agents, topical oral anesthetic agents, and nonsystemic oral antimicrobials under certain conditions; requires the board of dentistry to set educational and training requirements by rule; requires board to also determine allowable percentages of certain active ingredients in medications that may be prescribed by dental hygienists. Amends TCA Title 53 and Title 63. (HB657/SB609)
- 320 Law Enforcement As enacted, establishes certain parameters regarding the authority of a community oversight board and certain requirements for those serving on such a board. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40. (HB658/SB1407)
- Fireworks As enacted, authorizes alternatives for fire suppression equipment and personnel that must be present at certain types of public fireworks displays. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 39; Title 67 and Title 68. (HB743/SB1382)
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, makes the provision for the assessor of property recording with the register of deeds an application for the classification of property as agricultural, forest, or open space land discretionary instead of mandatory, and requires the property owner to record the application with the register of deeds if the assessor does not. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5. (HB817/SB1184)

- Hearing and Hearing Aids As enacted, authorizes an applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument specialist to substitute board certification by the national board for certification in hearing instrument sciences for the requirement that an applicant for licensure must have an education equivalent to two years of accredited college level coursework. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 17, Part 2. (HB1023/SB1445)
- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities As enacted, authorizes an existing licensed nursing home to relocate beds in certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16. (HB1317/SB664)
- Local Government, General As enacted, specifies a county's, a municipal corporation's, and a special school district's right of subrogation under the local authority's group life, hospitalization, disability, or medical insurance plan. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 8 and Title 56. (HB1347/SB1331)
- Nurses, Nursing As enacted, revises requirements for certificate to practice as a registered nurse first assistant. Amends TCA Title 63. (HB1350/SB1128)
- Opioids As enacted, requires the commissioner of health, by January 1, 2020, to: study instances when co-prescribing of naloxone with an opioid is beneficial and publish the results to each prescribing board that licenses healthcare professionals who can legally prescribe controlled substances and the board of pharmacy; and include the findings in the treatment guidelines for prescribing opioids. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68. (HB1360/SB1384)
- 328 Medical Occupations As enacted, authorizes a person who is licensed, registered, or certificated to provide emergency medical services in this state and who is required by statute or rule to keep proof of their license, registration, or certification on their person to satisfy that requirement by providing the proof by electronic means. Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68. (HB1367/SB1022)
- Hearing and Hearing Aids As enacted, replaces references to hearing impairment with language referring to being deaf or hard of hearing. Amends TCA Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 24; Title 37; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50; Title 55; Title 60; Title 65 and Title 71. (HB1406/SB1419)
- Education As enacted, establishes the Governor's Civics Seal to recognize public schools and local education agencies implementing high-quality civic education programs. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10. (HB944/SB800)
- Employees, Employers As enacted, authorizes a county, municipal, or metropolitan government to seek an injunction against a person who harasses an employee of the county, municipal, or metropolitan government, or any agency thereof, if the harassment related to the person's status as an employee. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 49 and Title 50. (HB108/SB379)
- 332 Estates As enacted, requires the administrator or executor of an estate to swear an oath that the representative is not disqualified from serving due to a sentence of imprisonment in a penitentiary. Amends TCA Title 30 and Title 40. (HB190/SB174)
- 333 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the underground utility damage enforcement board to June 30, 2023; directs the division of state audit within the office of the comptroller of the treasury to conduct a timely study on the allocation of employees

- from the Tennessee public utilities commission to the underground utility damage enforcement board. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 65, Chapter 31. (HB448/SB116)
- 334 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of labor and workforce development to June 30, 2020. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (HB451/SB119)
- 335 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state TennCare pharmacy advisory committee from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 24. (HB464/SB133)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of education to June 30, 2022; requires the department to appear before sunset review committee in 2019 to discuss progress made in addressing findings in its 2018 audit. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (HB474/SB142)
- Employees, Employers As enacted, revises provisions governing determination of whether an employer-employee relationship exists in certain employment arrangements. Amends TCA Title 50. (HB539/SB466)
- Public Contracts As enacted, specifies means by which a city or county may procure surveying services. Amends TCA Title 7 and Title 12, Chapter 4. (HB621/SB585)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, allows the owner of a prearrangement insurance policy, and not just the beneficiary, to irrevocably assign the policy or policy benefits to a funeral establishment if the insurance company issuing the policy does not offer a funeral trust, or only offers a funeral trust for an additional charge. Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 62, Chapter 5, Part 4. (HB650/SB1173)
- 340 Trusts As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Disclaimer of Property Interests Act." Amends TCA Title 31; Title 34; Title 35 and Title 45. (HB676/SB699)
- Consumer Protection As enacted, enacts the "Healthcare Billing Clarity Act." Amends TCA Title 33; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB710/SB613)
- Fairs As enacted, adds the commissioner of agriculture and the dean of the Tennessee State University, college of agriculture cooperative extension program as members of the state fair and exposition commission. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 57. (HB815/SB618)
- Death As enacted, revises provisions governing the process to be followed when the next of kin disagrees with a finding that the suspected or determined manner of death was suicide. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 38, Chapter 7 and Title 68. (HB1005/SB620)
- Clerks, Court As enacted, authorizes a court clerk to take passport photographs and to charge a reasonable fee for such service. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 36 and Title 37. (HB1165/SB641)
- 345 General Assembly As enacted, updates references to house committee names; requires that house speaker be given a copy of all reports required to be submitted to the general assembly, the house of representatives, or a house committee; specifies

- that the rules of each house control as to appropriate committee to which a report must be submitted or before which a party is to appear in situations where the committee name may differ from what appears in TCA due to a rule change. Amends TCA and Chapter 865 of the Public Acts of 2014. (HB1230/SB1234)
- Jails, Local Lock-ups As enacted, authorizes a county sheriff to create an inmate reentry education program. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB1324/SB904)
- 347 Boats, Boating As enacted, establishes parameters on the regulation of certain commercial non-motorized vessel outfitters. Amends TCA Title 69, Chapter 9 and Title 70. (HB1328/SB665)
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes the City of Cookeville, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote, to levy an occupancy tax of not more than 3 percent on the privilege of staying in any hotel or motel in Cookeville; requires the ordinance to set forth the manner of collection and administration of the privilege tax; requires that all proceeds received by the municipality from the tax be used for tourism and economic development. Amends TCA Section 67-4-1425. (HB1500/SB1509)
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes the City of White Pine to levy a privilege tax of up to 3.5 percent upon the privilege of occupancy by a two-thirds vote of its governing body. Amends TCA Section 67-4-1425. (HB1515/SB1523)
- Education As enacted, creates a process for voters in Madison County to remove a local board of education member who is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB185/HB983)
- Abortion As enacted, enacts the "Human Life Protection Act," which bans abortion in this state effective on the 30th day after the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to allow states to prohibit abortion; creates exception for situations where the abortion is necessary to prevent the death of pregnant woman or prevent serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function; prohibits prosecution of a woman upon whom an abortion is performed or attempted. Amends TCA Section 9-4-5116; Title 37, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 2; Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 2; Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1; Title 63, Chapter 9; Title 63, Chapter 6; Title 68 and Title 71, Chapter 5. (SB1257/HB1029)
- Fire Prevention and Investigation As enacted, extends the same police powers that municipal fire investigators have to certain salaried county fire investigators. Amends TCA Section 39-17-1315 and Title 68, Chapter 102. (SB267/HB123)
- 353 Boards and Commissions As enacted, adds the speaker of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate as permanent ex officio voting members of the Tennessee medical examiner advisory council. Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 7, Part 2. (SB272/HB322)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, expands types of crop insurance offered under a limited lines producer license to include damage to crops caused by unfavorable weather conditions, fire or lightning, flood, insect infestation, disease, or other yield-reducing conditions or perils, in addition to present coverage for hail. Amends TCA Title 43 and Title 56, Chapter 6. (SB309/HB176)

- Taxes, Ad Valorem As enacted, authorizes property tax exemption for certain nonprofit entities that occupy and use real property owned by another tax-exempt institution; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Section 67-5-207 and Section 67-5-212. (SB408/HB280)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, establishes a victims of human trafficking fund in the state treasury to provide comprehensive treatment and support services to victims of human trafficking. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 2; Section 39-13-314 and Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 7. (SB447/HB397)
- 357 Licenses As enacted, exempts certain medical professionals from massage licensure requirements where massages for compensation are provided in the offices of such medical professionals by licensed massage therapists. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 18. (SB467/HB296)
- Naming and Designating As enacted, designates the CSM Bobby G. Davis National Guard Armory in Chattanooga as the "CSM Bobby G. Davis and BG Carl E. Levi National Guard Armory". (SB479/HB552)
- Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, requires licensure as a healthcare professional for a person to competently treat a mental health disorder; creates certain exemptions; provides for an action to recover damages. Amends TCA Title 29; Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68. (SB540/HB995)
- 360 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates offenses related to the possession, sale, distribution, and transport of child-like sex dolls. Amends TCA Title 39. (SB659/HB1168)
- Education As enacted, establishes the Agriculture Education and Youth Participation Task Force. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 11. (SB801/HB945)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, makes police officers and firefighters who are members of the state retirement system eligible for service retirement upon completion of 25 years of creditable service. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37. (SB1237/HB623)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, adds authorization for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for: Weir Park in Clay County; Center for the Arts in Murfreesboro; El Fogon restaurant in Hixson; Lebanon Theater; the Blake at Kingsport; Legacy Farms in Lebanon; Flat Hollow Marina in Campbell County; the 121 Hotel in Nashville; Central Park in Livingston; and the Sip-n-Scoop in College Grove. Amends TCA Section 57-4-102. (SB1417/HB1070)
- Public Health As enacted, creates the state Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 14 and Title 71. (SB28/HB37)
- 365 Highways, Roads and Bridges As enacted, provides for the naming of certain roads and bridges in honor of certain specified persons. Amends TCA Title 54. (SB41/HB178)
- **366** Education, Curriculum As enacted, expands career and technical education programs to middle school grades; requires the board of career and technical

- education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB63/HB866)
- 367 Handgun Permits As enacted, requires that the following language be printed on the back of handgun carry permit cards: This permit is valid beyond the expiration date if the permit holder can provide documentation of the holder's active military status and duty station outside Tennessee. Amends TCA Section 39-17-1351. (SB95/HB41)
- 368 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of environment and conservation to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB134/HB465)
- 369 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the private probation services council to June 30, 2021; requires background checks for private probation officers; revises duties of council. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 16, Chapter 3, Part 9. (SB141/HB473)
- 370 Criminal Offenses As enacted, revises offense regarding destruction or interference with utility lines, fixtures or appliances, or property utilized by railroads to apply to certain activities involving critical infrastructure. Amends TCA Section 39-14-411. (SB264/HB156)
- Revenue, Dept. of As enacted, directs the department to collect information regarding sales taxes the department collects on all electronic nicotine delivery services, from all sources, including online sales, vape shops, and convenience stores. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 6. (SB276/HB237)
- Health Care As enacted, enacts the "Chronic Disease Prevention Act." Amends TCA Title 33; Title 39; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB281/HB774)
- 273 Employees, Employers As enacted, prohibits a medical review officer from considering prescriptions issued more than six months prior to a positive confirmed drug result for purposes of determining a valid prescription and immunity from actions authorized for employers to take against employees and job applicants following such a result under drug-free workplace program. Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 50. (SB312/HB389)
- 374 Sexual Offenders As enacted, prohibits a sexual offender from conducting overnight visit at a residence in which a minor resides or is present, in certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 39. (SB425/HB407)
- Funeral Directors and Embalmers As enacted, authorizes operators of crematory facilities who provide free services for the cremation of human remains to receive a refund of the permit fee paid for such services. Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 5; Title 63 and Title 68, Chapter 2. (SB432/HB967)
- 376 Education As enacted, authorizes LEAs that receive pre-kindergarten program approval to utilize a comparable alternative measure of student growth approved by the state board of education and adopted by the LEA, rather than the pre-k/kindergarten growth portfolio model approved by the state board of education in the evaluation of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers; creates portfolio review committee. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1. (SB442/HB91)

- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, authorizes, in leases entered into between Memphis and business owners holding a restaurant license from the alcoholic beverage commission, the inclusion of provisions where the rent is calculated on gross sales, including gross sales of alcohol, of the business; prohibits a county from denying the issuance or renewal of a beer permit on the basis of a similar lease; provisions also applicable to Knoxville within an easement area granted to the city for commercial recreation and commercial recreation facilities from TVA in the Fort Loudoun Reservoir. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 1; Title 57, Chapter 4 and Title 57, Chapter 5. (SB498/HB1327)
- 378 Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) As enacted, enacts the "Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disaster Act." Amends TCA Title 58; Title 62; Title 67 and Title 68. (SB624/HB551)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, revises the Volunteer Public Education Trust Fund Act of 1985; designates the commissioner of education and state treasurer as trustees of the fund. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 4. (SB625/HB681)
- 380 Health, Dept. of As enacted, requires regional medical communication centers to provide monthly data to the commissioner regarding the number of flight requests rejected by a vendor and the patient volumes transported into the covered region; requires the commissioner to monthly post the data to the department's website in a manner accessible to the public. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 68. (SB626/HB1334)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, prohibits a current early service retiree from changing to disability retirement; makes other revisions to provisions governing the Tennessee consolidated retirement system. Amends TCA Section 8-25-204; Section 8-25-205; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37. (SB633/HB1022)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, allocates a portion of sales and use tax revenue to certain counties in which a new event center is to be constructed. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (SB648/HB690)
- Courts As enacted, makes various changes to zero to three courts, including adding five additional safe baby courts and extending such courts to January 1, 2025. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 36; Title 37 and Chapter 366 of the Public Acts of 2017. (SB649/HB1047)
- Tourism As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act". (SB679/HB1091)
- 385 Lottery, Scholarships and Programs As enacted, adds William R. Moore College of Technology as an eligible institution for receipt of the Tennessee promise scholarship. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49. (SB691/HB980)
- Public Defenders As enacted, allows district investigators to include experience as a criminal defense investigator for prior service credits. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 14, Part 1. (SB861/HB569)
- 387 Agriculture As enacted, creates a 12-member task force to study issues relative to hemp commerce and consumer protection. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 39, Chapter

- 17, Part 4; Title 43; Title 44, Chapter 6; Title 47, Chapter 26; Title 53; Title 67 and Title 68. (SB888/HB1468)
- 388 Traffic Safety As enacted, establishes requirements for the operation of electric foot scooters; specifies that for purposes of the DUI laws, an electric scooter will be considered a motor-driven vehicle. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 1; Title 55, Chapter 10; Title 55, Chapter 12 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (SB1107/HB1220) {Appendix "E"}
- Parks, Natural Areas Preservation As enacted, extends a 50 percent discount on camping fees at state parks to veterans who have a 100-percent permanent total service-connected disability. Amends TCA Title 11. (SB1119/HB1004)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, allows municipality with a border region retail tourism development district that elects to remove property from the district to include adjacent property with an equal or lesser amount of acreage by resolution of the municipality. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 40. (SB1122/HB1312)
- 391 Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires, rather than encourages, all public middle and elementary schools to place one or more automated external defibrillator (AED) devices within the school. Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 4. (SB1135/HB776)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, increases, from \$100,000 to \$300,000, the maximum amount of annual sales that charitable entities whose primary purpose is fundraising in support of a city, county, or metropolitan library system may make to be excluded from the definition of "business" for sales tax purposes; specifies that such entities may make online sales. Amends TCA Section 67-6-102. (SB1137/HB779)
- 393 Criminal Offenses As enacted, enacts the "Leigh Ann Act," which creates a Class A misdemeanor of violating a no contact order issued to a domestic violence victim as part of a disposition in any criminal court. Amends TCA Section 39-13-113. (SB1163/HB1340)
- 394 Local Education Agencies As enacted, authorizes LEAs to establish a threat assessment team for the purpose of developing comprehensive, intervention-based approaches to prevent violence, manage reports of potential threats, and create a system that fosters a safe, supportive, and effective school environment. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1238/HB1158)
- 295 Law Enforcement As enacted, makes denial of a claim made by the estate of a law enforcement officer for the annuity payable to the estate of an emergency responder who is killed in the line of duty subject to review by the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission within 90 days of the claim's denial; redefines "law enforcement officer" for purposes of determining which law enforcement officers are considered an emergency responder whose estate would be eligible for the annuity. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 38. (SB1268/HB1440)
- Handgun Permits As enacted, waives the fee for obtaining a lifetime handgun carry permit for former law enforcement officers who served at least 10 years and left the law enforcement agency while in good standing. Amends TCA Section 39-17-1351. (SB1347/HB1460)

- Election Laws As enacted, revises provisions governing the filing of a vacancy in the state senate when the vacancy occurs within 45 days of the election. Amends TCA Title 2. (SB1355/HB185)
- 398 Child Abuse As enacted, creates the Class A misdemeanor and Class E felony offenses of withdrawing, transferring, or altering a child's school enrollment with intent to hinder an active child abuse or child neglect investigation. Amends TCA Title 37; Title 39 and Title 49. (SB1359/HB917)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, grants a retirement allowance to a surviving spouse who is a designated beneficiary if the deceased TCRS member is vested instead of requiring that the member have 10 years of creditable service. Amends TCA Section 8-36-109. (SB1371/HB1177)
- Taxes, Exemption and Credits As enacted, creates sales and use tax exemption for sale of public safety and public works-related goods to certain nonprofit property owners associations; exemption limited to \$25,000 in sales and use taxes each year that would otherwise be imposed. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3. (SB1455/HB695)
- Taxes, Exemption and Credits As enacted, extends certain franchise and excise tax credits to development districts engaged in eligible activity. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 45 and Title 67. (SB1462/HB1410)
- 402 Education, Higher As enacted, enacts "Michelle's Law," which extends a 25 percent discount on the tuition to any state institution of higher education to every child under 24 years of age whose parent died while employed as a full-time certified teacher in a public school in Tennessee or as a full-time technology coordinator in an LEA in Tennessee. Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 49, Chapter 7. (SB1530/HB1524)
- 403 Bond Issues As enacted, authorizes the state to issue and sell bonds of up to \$124 million. (HB1509/SB1517)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, revises certain provisions governing the distribution of revenue under the Business Tax Act; provides, in regard to the provisions governing financing under the Development District Act of 1965, that appropriations to the department of economic and community development for economic development district grants may be reduced in the amount of \$174,000 (recurring) for the transfer of such amount to the commission on children and youth for the sole purpose of making a grant in such amount to the Tennessee CASA Association. Amends amend TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71. (HB1510/SB1516)
- 405 Appropriations As enacted, makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019. (HB1508/SB1518)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee board of judicial conduct to June 30, 2021. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 17, Chapter 5. (SB153/HB485)

- 407 Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Right to Shop Act." Amends TCA Title 8; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68. (SB510/HB419)
- Annexation As enacted, specifies that property owners, rather than just residents, of a territory proposed for annexation may vote in the referendum on the question of annexation; limits provision for property owners to vote based on ownership to no more than two persons per an individual tract of property, regardless of number of owners of the property. Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51, Part 1. (SB557/HB1089)
- 409 Adoption As enacted, provides that if a court appoints a guardian ad litem in a pending adoption proceeding, there will be a rebuttable presumption that the guardian ad litem's fees will be divided equally between the parties, excluding the person being adopted; specifies that if a party is found by the court to be indigent, the guardian ad litem will charge that party's portion of the fees to the state through the administrative office of the courts claims and payment system, and bill the remaining parties at the same hourly rate as paid by the administrative office of the courts claims and payment system. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 36 and Title 37. (SB559/HB628)
- 410 Statutes of Limitations and Repose As enacted, extends the statute of limitation for prosecution of second degree murder from 15 years from the offense to at any time after the offense is committed. Amends TCA Section 39-13-210 and Title 40, Chapter 2. (HB113/SB593)
- 411 State Inmates As enacted, requires custodians of state correctional facilities to provide feminine hygiene products, moisturizing soap that is not lye-based, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and any other healthcare product a custodian deems appropriate to women prisoners at no charge and in an appropriate quantity. Amends TCA Title 41. (HB129/SB75)
- Traffic Safety As enacted, prohibits a person from physically holding or supporting, with any part of the person's body, a wireless telecommunications device or standalone electronic device while operating a motor vehicle; imposes other similar restrictions on activities such as texting; creates certain exceptions. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (HB164/SB173) {Appendix "E"}
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, revises provisions governing the sale of surplus property by an LEA. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 20. (HB207/SB269)
- 414 Education, State Board of As enacted, prohibits, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the state board from modifying the uniform grading system more than once every two years. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4. (HB209/SB268)
- 415 Marriage As enacted, authorizes members of the general assembly, duly appointed law enforcement chaplains, and members of the legislative body of a municipality to solemnize marriages; prohibits persons receiving online ordinations from solemnizing the rite of matrimony; requires members of the general assembly who want to solemnize marriage to opt in by filing notice of the member's intention with the office of vital records. Amends TCA Section 36-3-301. (HB213/SB1377)

- 416 State Government As enacted, establishes daylight saving time as the standard time in Tennessee, subject to authorization to do so from the United States Congress and certain other conditions being met. Amends TCA Section 4-1-401. (HB247/SB1100)
- 417 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates a Class D felony offense for entity or person who knowingly uses a communication or electronic device to obtain information concerning an elderly adult's medical condition or health, sends unsolicited or specifically refused medical supplies to the elderly adult, and files a claim or submits a bill with the state Medicare plan for reimbursement. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5 and Title 71. (HB257/SB265)
- School Transportation As enacted, permits LEAs to install cameras on school buses to record vehicles that unlawfully pass a stopped school bus; establishes requirements for such cameras and their use. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (HB268/SB205) {Appendix "F"}
- 419 Taxes, Real Property As enacted, provides that whenever Hardeman County acquires property at a tax sale, any non-governmental entity holding a vested and duly recorded contractual right to the payment of fees or assessments secured by such property retains such right; further provides that Hardeman County will be liable for the payment of such fees and assessments if the county makes actual use of the property purchased at the tax sale. Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 20 and Title 67, Chapter 5. (HB350/SB1263)
- 420 Courts As enacted, removes references and duties of the Tennessee Judicial Council, which terminated June 30, 2009. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 6; Title 8; Title 16; Title 17; Title 29; Title 36; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41. (HB395/SB454)
- Education As enacted, requires LEAs and public charter schools to adopt a trauma-informed discipline policy; requires the department of education to develop guidance on trauma-informed discipline practices that LEAs must use to develop a trauma-informed discipline policy. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB405/SB170)
- Domestic Violence As enacted, imposes a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,500 for a violation of an order of protection. Amends TCA Title 39. (HB516/SB862)
- TennCare As enacted, extends the nursing home annual assessment fee to June 30, 2020. Amends TCA Title 68 and Title 71. (HB557/SB1201)
- Sexual Offenses As enacted, revises provisions regarding reporting suspected child sexual abuse when certain minors present for an abortion. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 2. (HB574/SB487)
- 425 Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, declares settlement agreement provisions that have purpose or effect of concealing identities of persons relating to a claim as void and unenforceable and contrary to public policy of this state if settlement agreement is entered into by governmental entity; maintains confidentiality of victim's identity if the claim involves sexual harassment or sexual assault. Amends TCA Title 20 and Title 29. (HB594/SB1262)
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, extends by six years the period in which Davidson County may charge an additional \$0.50 privilege tax on the occupancy of a hotel

- room and in which such county may allocate the tax revenue for the purposes of direct promotion of tourism; extends by six years the terms of the committee members that oversee the fund in which the additional tax is deposited. Amends TCA Section 7-4-202. (HB597/SB1103)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, extends to "water" the sales tax exemption that applies to the sale to a qualified farmer or nurseryman of electricity, natural gas and liquefied gas, including, but not limited to, propane and butane used directly in the production of food or fiber for human or animal consumption or to aid in the growing of a horticultural product for sale. Amends TCA Title 67. (HB634/SB1460) {Appendix "G"}
- Public Defenders As enacted, creates the district public defender appellate division, including authorization for six appellate attorney positions. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 14. (HB642/SB578)
- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) As enacted, continues permanent rules filed with the secretary of state after January 1, 2018; schedules the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers Rule 0660-11-.05, relative to professional conduct, and filed in the office of secretary of state on December 12, 2018, to expire on May 21, 2019; specifies that, effective July 1, 2019, the department of revenue is no longer prohibited from collecting internet sales or use taxes pursuant to Rule 1320-05-01-.129(2). Title 4, Chapter 5. (HB667/SB165) {Appendix "G"}
- 430 Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, revises various provisions of the Insurers Rehabilitation and Liquidation Act. Amends TCA Title 56. (HB673/SB1174)
- Child Custody and Support As enacted, revises various provisions related to stepparent visitation. Amends TCA Title 36. (HB674/SB326)
- Firearms and Ammunition As enacted, creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for the transfer of a firearm to a person knowing that the person: has been judicially committed to a mental institution or adjudicated as a mental defective unless the person's right to possess firearms has been restored; or is receiving inpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment at a hospital or treatment resource. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 33 and Title 39, Chapter 17. (HB754/SB1402)
- 433 Orders of Protection As enacted, revises the population brackets that determine which courts have jurisdiction to issue orders of protection in domestic relations cases. Amends TCA Title 16 and Title 36. (HB760/SB562)
- TennCare As enacted, enacts the "Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2019." Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5 and Chapter 888 of the Public Acts of 2018. (HB771/SB474)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, allows premises authorized to serve wine to also serve high alcohol content beer; requires that the training for applicants for server permits consist of not less than 3.5 hours of alcohol awareness training; clarifies the premises contained in authorization for certain establishments to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to include tables and chairs contiguous to the outside front wall of a licensee's building; and clarifies that other authorization for designating contiguous areas of the licensee's premises also applies to

- manufacturers who are licensed to sell at retail on their premises. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 3, Part 7 and Title 57, Chapter 4. (HB794/SB1082)
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, expands definition of agricultural land for purposes of greenbelt property tax program to include two noncontiguous tracts of land within same county totaling at least 15 acres and split only by a road, body of water, or public or private easement. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 10. (HB809/SB886)
- 437 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates the Class C felony of aggravated unlawful photographing when the defendant knowingly photographs a minor when the minor has a reasonable expectation of privacy, the photograph depicts the minor in a state of nudity, and the photography was taken for the purpose of sexual gratification of the defendant; requires a person convicted of aggravated unlawful photographing to register as a sexual offender. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. (HB830/SB684)
- Driver Licenses As enacted, revises provisions governing payment plans for fines and costs and license suspension for failure to comply with plan. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 24, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3 and Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 5. (HB839/SB1143)
- Basic Education Program (BEP) As enacted, clarifies that if, pursuant to current law, a local government appropriates nonrecurring funds for priority schools, evidenced by a written agreement with the LEA establishing the nonrecurring use of the funds, then such funds must be excluded from the maintenance of local funding requirement and from any apportionment requirement under the present law provisions governing the local tax levy for each year that the school is identified as a priority school plus one additional year. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB886/SB976)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, extends certain local option sales tax provisions to municipalities with a professional soccer franchise. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (HB907/SB1094)
- Election Laws As enacted, establishes requirements governing an executive committee's determination that a candidate is not qualified and exclusion of the candidate's name from a ballot. Amends TCA Section 2-5-204. (HB911/SB1354)
- 442 Education, Curriculum As enacted, requires students to pass a civics test to receive a full diploma upon graduation from high school; revises and enacts other provisions relating to civics test. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB1016/SB1243)
- Tourist Development, Dept. of As enacted, designates Reelfoot Lake as a Tennessee Heritage Site; authorizes commissioner to strategically market Reelfoot Lake for tourism development. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 22 and Title 11. (HB1067/SB535)
- Wine & Wineries As enacted, creates the Tennessee wine and grape board; establishes the powers and duties of the board; abolishes the viticulture advisory board; establishes certain requirements regarding use of funds received by the board. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 43; Title 57 and Title 67. (HB1075/SB302)

- Election Laws As enacted, revises provisions governing convenient voting centers pilot projects. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 3, Part 3. (HB1077/SB727) {Appendix "D"}
- Public Employees As enacted, replaces the awarding of treble damages under the Public Employee Political Freedom Act of 1980 with the awarding of compensatory damages. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21 and Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 6. (HB1087/SB569)
- Public Records As enacted, creates an exception to provisions concerning the confidentiality of certain investigatory records of the division of health related boards in the department of health. Amends TCA Title 10; Title 38, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 1. (HB1132/SB1205)
- 448 DUI Offenses As enacted, adds physician assistants to the list of medical practitioners who are qualified to draw blood from a motor vehicle operator for evidentiary purposes in a DUI investigation. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4. (HB1162/SB636)
- 449 Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, increases from \$3.00 to \$4.00 the amount of the fee that county clerks may impose for the service of handling mail orders of license plates and decals. Amends TCA Section 55-4-105. (HB1169/SB1335)
- 450 Education, Curriculum As enacted, requires the department of education and public schools to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage and recognize the Tennesseans who were instrumental in securing all women the right to vote for the purpose of educating students about the ratification of the nineteenth amendment to the United States Constitution on August 18, 1920, and to educate students on the state of Tennessee's fundamental role in guaranteeing all women the right to vote. Amends TCA Section 49-6-1028. (HB1192/SB1248)
- 451 Economic and Community Development As enacted, requires the department of economic and community development to execute a separate agreement in conjunction with any capital grant contract awarded pursuant to provisions governing the state building commission for economic development purposes; deletes certain provisions regarding tax credits. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 67. (HB1265/SB513)
- 452 Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, revises various provisions of the Revised Tennessee Captive Insurance Act. Amends TCA Title 56. (HB1300/SB1157)
- Education As enacted, revises various provisions of the Tennessee Community Schools Act. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 24. (HB1330/SB1058)
- Education, Curriculum As enacted, requires the department of education to develop a state plan for computer science in grades K-12. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB1339/SB1151)
- 455 Education, Higher As enacted, requires each state institution of higher education to do the following: develop and implement a suicide prevention plan for students,

- faculty, and staff; and provide the plan to students, faculty, and staff at least once each semester. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB1354/SB1175)
- 456 Schools, Private As enacted, includes schools that meet the standards of accreditation or membership of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools to schools considered "church-related" schools; revises related provisions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 8. (HB1392/SB1244)
- Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) As enacted, authorizes persons housed in emergency management agency camps or shelters to possess mobile telephones. Amends TCA Title 58. (HB1416/SB1219)
- County Government As enacted, prohibits interpreting or amending county charter in a manner inconsistent with state law with respect to the duties, qualifications, and privileges of the constitutional county offices of sheriff, register, county clerk, assessor of property, or trustee. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 2. (HB1423/SB501)
- 459 Consumer Protection As enacted, abolishes the division of consumer affairs in the department of commerce and insurance and transfers the responsibilities of the division concerning the consumer protection laws to the attorney general and reporter; authorizes a court to order the parties to engage in pre-trial mediation in the course of any action brought in the name of the state pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act; authorizes the division of consumer affairs in the office of the attorney general and reporter to facilitate communication between a complainant and person identified in a complaint in an effort to encourage mutually agreeable resolutions. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 47, Chapter 23 and Title 63. (HB948/SB804)
- 460 Education As enacted, prohibits the Tennessee School for the Blind, the Tennessee School for the Deaf, the West Tennessee School for the Deaf, and the Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute from sharing the same president, director of schools, or officers at the same time. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB25/SB33)
- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, authorizes military and memorial plates to be personalized; requires payment of a fee to defray the costs of designing and manufacturing the personalized plates. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. (HB76/SB1489)
- 462 Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, requires that notation of liens and encumbrances and extensions of mortgages on certificates of title be performed by county clerks; revises related provisions. Amends TCA Title 55. (HB82/SB1486)
- 463 Lottery, Scholarships and Programs As enacted, declares the legislative intent that the dual enrollment grant be fully funded before any funds in the lottery for education account are transferred to the Tennessee Promise scholarship endowment fund. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49. (HB111/SB319)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, requires, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the state board of education to award a teacher five additional professional development points if the teacher's overall evaluation demonstrates an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" and the evaluation is based on the teacher's

- performance while employed at a school that is on the priority list or the focus list. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB632/SB565)
- Education As enacted, revises certain provisions regarding alternative schools. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB664/SB604)
- Driver Licenses As enacted, authorizes the commissioner of safety to issue farmrelated service industry employee restricted commercial driver licenses to persons who meet certain qualifications. - Amends TCA Title 43 and Title 55. (HB714/SB517)
- Courts As enacted, revises provisions governing compensation for court reporters and fees for transcripts. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 23; Title 20, Chapter 9, Part 6; Title 20, Chapter 9, Part 1 and Title 40, Chapter 14, Part 3. (HB729/SB667)
- 468 Education As enacted, replaces the department of economic and community development with the Tennessee higher education commission as the state agency charged with administering grants related to work-based learning programs; revises related provisions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 11; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 50. (HB740/SB1259)
- Scholarships and Financial Aid As enacted, increases, from \$600 to \$1,000, the amount of a Tennessee middle college scholarship awarded each semester to an eligible student for full-time attendance. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. (HB745/SB1379)
- **470** Pharmacy, Pharmacists As enacted, makes various changes to law concerning pharmacy benefits managers. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 31. (HB786/SB650)
- 471 Auctions and Auctioneers As enacted, revises various provisions governing auctions. Amends TCA Title 35, Chapter 5; Title 55, Chapter 17, Part 1 and Title 62, Chapter 19. (HB797/SB1361)
- 472 Child Abuse As enacted, requires that the district attorney for the judicial district in which a child was located, in addition to the appropriate legislative members, be given a copy of the report of the fatality or near fatality of: a child in the custody of the department; a child who is the subject of an investigation by the department; or a child whose fatality or near fatality resulted in an investigation into the safety of another child in the home; authorizes district attorney to communicate with the appropriate legislators about the report and its contents or about any other otherwise confidential information that legislators may have acquired. Amends TCA Title 37. (HB867/SB1403)
- 473 Taxes, Sales As enacted, expands the exemption from sales tax on periodicals distributed twice monthly or on a biweekly or more frequent basis to periodicals distributed no less frequently than monthly. Amends TCA Title 67. (HB899/SB925)
- Elder Abuse As enacted, enacts the "Elderly and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act of 2019." Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71. (HB909/SB1039)
- Education As enacted, requires that the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests administered in the 2019-2020 school year be administered in

- paper format; revises provisions regarding physical education. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB982/SB187)
- Fiscal Review Committee As enacted, designates the fiscal review committee as a joint office of the general assembly; revises other provisions governing the committee. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 12. (HB1233/SB1235)
- 477 Highways, Roads and Bridges As enacted, changes the requirements for the operation of horse drawn vehicles on state highways. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4. (HB1252/SB747)
- 478 Taxes, Privilege As enacted, limits the professions to which the professional privilege tax applies to: lobbyists; persons licensed or registered under the laws governing securities as agents, broker-dealers, and investment advisers; physicians and osteopathic physicians; and attorneys; applicable to privilege taxes due and payable after May 31, 2020. Amends TCA Title 67; Chapter 72 of the Public Acts of 2011; Chapter 193 of the Public Acts of 2017; Chapter 273 of the Public Acts of 2015; Chapter 452 of the Public Acts of 2017; Chapter 480 of the Public Acts of 2013; Chapter 530 of the Public Acts of 2009 and Chapter 602 of the Public Acts of 2007. (HB1262/SB398) {Appendix "G"}
- Handgun Permits As enacted, creates a concealed handgun carry permit, which allows a person to carry a concealed handgun; redesignates the existing handgun carry permit as an enhanced handgun carry permit. Amends TCA Title 10; Title 33; Title 38 and Title 39. (HB1264/SB705) {Appendix "I"}
- **480** Federal Aid As enacted, requires certain state agencies and political subdivisions to prepare and submit reports to the department of finance and administration regarding the effects of and plans for reductions in federal funding. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 9. (HB1270/SB662)
- TennCare As enacted, directs the governor, through the commissioner of finance and administration, to submit a waiver amendment to the centers for medicare and medicaid services to provide TennCare II funding by means of a block grant indexed for inflation and population growth. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71. (HB1280/SB1428)
- 482 Scholarships and Financial Aid As enacted, increases from one to two the number of additional dual enrollment courses a student may take under a dual enrollment grant under certain circumstances; allows an eligible student to receive a dual enrollment grant for no more than 10 courses. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB1425/SB764)
- 483 Taxes, Sales As enacted, exempts from the sales tax imposed on the lease or rental of tangible personal property the transaction of "providing a dumpster along with the delivery and pickup of the dumpster"; in order for exemption to apply, requires that the provider of the dumpster be exclusively responsible for delivery and pickup of the dumpster. Amends TCA Title 67; Title 68 and Title 69. (HB1441/SB1309)
- 484 Local Education Agencies As enacted, authorizes LEAs to provide free feminine hygiene products in eligible public high schools. Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68. (HB1483/SB1046)

- Sentencing As enacted, enacts the "JaJuan Latham Act," which increases the penalty for an aggravated assault or homicide that occurs by a person discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle and the victim is a minor at the time of the offense. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 2. (HB2/SB10)
- 486 Criminal Offenses As enacted, requires a mandatory 30-day sentence for theft of a firearm; revises penalty for offense of failure to appear; revises other various provisions of criminal law. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Title 55. (HB167/SB403)
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation As enacted, transfers the fire investigations section from the department of commerce and insurance to the bureau; revises and enacts related provisions. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 38, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 102. (HB174/SB251)
- Probation and Parole As enacted, prevents an inmate convicted of a Class A, B, or C felony from using sentence reduction credits until the minimum release eligibility date applicable to the inmate is reached; establishes presumption that inmate convicted of Class E or Class D nonviolent felony is to be paroled upon reaching release eligibility date unless good cause is shown as to why inmate should not be released. Amends TCA Title 40 and Title 41. (HB197/SB215)
- Public Health As enacted, rewrites provisions governing limited pilot project for certification of a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center; creates limited pilot project for purpose of determining the impact of such training centers. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3. (HB228/SB250)
- 490 Firefighters As enacted, enacts the "Barry Brady Act," which creates a presumption that certain conditions or impairments of full-time firefighters caused by certain cancers arose out of employment unless the contrary is shown by competent medical evidence. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2. (HB316/SB1442)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, revises provisions governing sales and use tax in regard to out-of-state dealers, Amends TCA Title 67; Chapter 72 of the Public Acts of 2011; Chapter 193 of the Public Acts of 2017; Chapter 273 of the Public Acts of 2015; Chapter 452 of the Public Acts of 2017; Chapter 480 of the Public Acts of 2013; Chapter 530 of the Public Acts of 2009 and Chapter 602 of the Public Acts of 2007. (HB326/SB325)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, allows certain persons who receive certified occupational training as a prisoner or a student in a high school technical training class to receive equivalent credit toward an occupational license relating to the training received. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 37; Title 38; Title 41; Title 49; Title 62 and Title 63. (HB353/SB571)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the bureau of TennCare within the department of finance and administration to June 30, 2022. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10 and Title 71. (HB471/SB132)
- 494 TennCare As enacted, directs the commissioner of finance and administration to submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver or waivers pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act for the purpose of establishing a

- distinct Katie Beckett program. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB498/SB476)
- 495 Criminal Offenses As enacted, enhances the penalty for destruction or alteration of governmental records from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. Amends TCA Title 39. (HB502/SB911)
- Judges and Chancellors As enacted, vacates and reconstitutes the board of judicial conduct; rewrites other provisions governing the board. Amends TCA Title 17, Chapter 5. (HB513/SB452)
- 497 Firefighters As enacted, creates a program managed by the commissioner of commerce and insurance to annually award grants to volunteer fire departments for the purchase of firefighting equipment or to meet local match requirements for federal grants for the purchase of firefighting equipment and training. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 102. (HB518/SB1395)
- Business and Commerce As enacted, enacts the "Regional Retail Tourism Development District Act." Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 47; Title 48; Title 61 and Title 67. (HB524/SB1434)
- 499 Statutes of Limitations and Repose As enacted, revises various provisions governing statutes of limitations for civil actions and criminal prosecutions for cases involving abuse against child; revises penalty for failure to report abuse. Amends TCA Title 28; Title 37 and Title 40. (HB565/SB1252){Appendix "H}]
- Education As enacted, directs the Tennessee School for the Deaf, together with the West Tennessee School for the Deaf, to establish a one-year deaf mentor pilot project to assist families and agencies in implementing bilingual and bicultural home-based programming for young children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 9. (HB567/SB310)
- Taxes As enacted, specifies, for purposes of sales and use taxes, that "tangible personal property" does not include fiber-optic cable after it has become attached to a utility pole, building, or other structure or installed underground; deems such fiber-optic cable to be realty upon installation; deletes the excise tax credit for qualified broadband internet access equipment. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 65 and Title 67. (HB605/SB1458)
- 502 Sexual Offenders As enacted, revises provisions governing the circumstances under which the TBI is required to remove a sexual offender's name from the registry; adds successful completions of judicial diversion for certain offenses to such circumstances. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 35 and Title 40, Chapter 39. (HB624/SB544)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, creates a sales and use tax exemption on qualified building materials used in the construction, expansion, or renovation of one or more qualified, new, or expanded warehouse or distribution facilities, if the taxpayer or a lessor, or both, makes a capital investment of at least \$1 billion in the construction or renovation of such facilities and related facilities at the same location within the qualified capital investment period. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (HB1461/SB1161)

- Mental Illness As enacted, revises provisions concerning judicial commitment of certain persons in the custody of the department of correction. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 40 and Title 41. (HB1498/SB1340)
- Criminal Procedure As enacted, splits the electronic monitoring indigency fund into two accounts to be used to pay for ignition interlock devices for indigent defendants and to pay, subject to local matching funds, for transdermal monitoring devices, other alcohol and drug monitoring devices, and global positioning monitoring devices for indigent defendants. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40; Title 55 and Title 69, Chapter 9. (HB950/SB806)
- Education As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program." Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB939/SB795) {Appendix "J"}
- Gambling As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Sports Gaming Act." Amends TCA Title 4; Title 14; Title 38; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 5; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 49 and Title 67. (HB1/SB16) {Appendix "K"}
- 508 Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, revises provisions governing utility round-up programs and other similar programs for charitable donations through utility bills. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 45; Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 65. (HB377/SB308)
- Taxes, Privilege As enacted, eliminates the special privilege tax on ammunition. Amends TCA Section 8-8-201 and Title 70, Chapter 3. (HB494/SB423) {Appendix "G"}
- 510 Children As enacted, revises certain provisions regarding child abuse; revises certain provisions regarding detention of juveniles. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 36 and Title 37. (HB509/SB209)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, revises certain provisions of the Border Region Retail Tourism Development District Act. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 40. (HB620/SB537)
- Mental Illness As enacted, requires the department of finance and administration, in consultation with the department of mental health and substance abuse services and the division of TennCare, to develop and administer a grant program to assist sheriffs who are required by law to transport persons who have been certified by a health care professional for transport to a hospital or treatment resource for a mental health examination to determine whether the person should be involuntarily admitted; authorizes hospitals and treatment resources to conduct a mental health examination to determine whether a person should be involuntarily admitted via telehealth services. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 21; Title 8, Chapter 42; Title 9, Chapter 8; Title 13, Chapter 26; Title 29, Chapter 20; Title 33, Chapter 2; Title 33, Chapter 5; Title 33, Chapter 7; Title 37, Chapter 1; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB643/SB579)
- Veterans As enacted, eliminates the fee for interment of an eligible veteran's most recent spouse in a state veterans' cemetery. Amends TCA Title 46, Chapter 6. (HB1187/SB844)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Constitutional Amendments – Proposes amendment to Article VI, Section 5 to provide for the selection of the attorney general and reporter for the state with nomination by the supreme court and confirmation by the general assembly. **{Appendix "L"}**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 154

Constitutional Amendments – Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Tennessee to provide for the exercise of powers and duties of the governor during disability. **{Appendix "L"}**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

Constitutional Amendments – Proposes an amendment to Article 1, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee removing the criminal punishment exception from slavery and involuntary servitude prohibition. **{Appendix "L"}**

APPENDIX "A"

GIVE ACT

Public Chapter 203 enacted the "Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) Act."

Generally under present law, a student receiving a dual enrollment grant may enroll for one course per semester at an eligible postsecondary institution, and, if certain requirements are met, may enroll in one additional course per semester. Present law expresses the intent of the general assembly that funding for Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants and Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants take priority over funding for dual enrollment grants. Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, the award for a credit hour taken under a dual enrollment grant is determined by the Tennessee student assistance corporation (TSAC) and must not exceed the cost per credit hour of courses taken at community colleges in the state university and community college system.

Public Chapter 203 additionally expresses the intent of the general assembly that the award for the first four dual enrollment courses attempted by students enrolled in a certificate or diploma program annually identified by TSAC's board of directors, pursuant to the provisions described below, only provides for maintenance fees at the institution attended. Public Chapter 203 prohibits an institution from increasing the institution's maintenance fees more than the annual increase to maintenance fees established for the community colleges and Tennessee colleges of applied technology by the state university and community college system. The award described in Public Chapter 203 only applies to programs annually identified by TSAC's board of directors. Public Chapter 203 authorizes TSAC's board of directors to consider the following factors, in addition to other relevant information, in identifying programs for which a student is eligible to receive the award described in Public Chapter 203:

- (1) The annual workforce and credential report described in present law;
- (2) The annual workforce needs report described in present law; and
- (3) The annual job placement report described in present law.

Public Chapter 203 took effect July 1, 2020.

APPENDIX "B"

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Public Chapter 218 established the "Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives" (the "office") to, among other things:

- (1) Promote and foster the development of relationships and coordination between state government and faith-based and community initiatives and serve as a resource for and liaison between state government and such initiatives;
- (2) Coordinate activities designed to mobilize public support for faith-based and community initiatives through volunteerism, special projects, and public-private partnerships; and
- (3) Work with state, local, and community policymakers, volunteers, and public officials to facilitate coordination with and empowerment of faith-based and other community organizations where doing so would improve such groups' service to the communities involved.

For administrative purposes, the office is attached to the department of finance and administration.

Public Chapter 218 authorizes the office to partner with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation that is organized to maximize the effectiveness of faith-based and community initiatives in serving Tennesseans with respect to public purposes, in order to carry out the purposes of the office. The governor must select the members of the board and executive director of the nonprofit partner. The nonprofit partner's board may select its own chair. The nonprofit partner may receive and solicit funds from the general public. Costs to underwrite the nonprofit partner's activities related to the office must be borne from revenues of the nonprofit partner, and state employees are prohibited from benefiting from such proceeds. The office may enter into such contractual and promotional agreements necessary to maximize the effectiveness of state government through collaboration with faith-based and community initiatives to serve Tennesseans with respect to public purposes.

The nonprofit partner is eligible to be a participating employer in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system upon passage of a resolution by the nonprofit's board of directors authorizing an actuarial study and participation, and accepting the liability as a result of the participation, by its full-time employees. The employees of the nonprofit partner must make the same contributions, participate in the same manner, and are eligible

for the same benefits as employees of local governments participating in the retirement system. All costs associated with retirement coverage, including administrative costs, will be the responsibility of the nonprofit partner.

The nonprofit partner may participate, the same as an eligible quasi-governmental organization, in the health insurance plan authorized under current law for the group insurance plan for employees of local governments and quasi-governmental organizations, as long as such nonprofit partner meets the requirements to participate in such insurance plan.

Public Chapter 218 requires the nonprofit partner to annually submit to the governor and the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives, within 90 days after the end of its fiscal year, a report setting forth its operation and accomplishments. The nonprofit partner is subject to examination and audit by the comptroller of the treasury in the same manner as prescribed for departments and agencies of the state.

Public Chapter 218 took effect on July 1, 2019.

APPENDIX "C"

CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

Public Chapter 219 revised various provisions of the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002, including the following:

(1) Public Chapter 219 created the nine-member Tennessee public charter school commission, which serves as an appellate charter school authorizer and as the local education authority (LEA) for any public charter school that it authorizes. The governor will appoint the nine commission members, subject to confirmation by joint resolution of the senate and the house of representatives. The full text of Public Chapter 219 sets out in detail the confirmation process for the members. There must be at least three commission members from each grand division of the state. A majority of the commission members must reside within the geographic boundary of an LEA in which at least one public charter school operates. The commission may declare a commission member's position vacant if the member fails, without cause, to attend more than 50 percent of the commission's regular meetings in a calendar year. Also, a member is subject to removal from the commission by a two-thirds majority vote of each house of the general assembly for misconduct, incapacity, or neglect of duty.

Public Chapter 219 prohibits elected officials and state employees from serving on the commission.

Public Chapter 219 sets out in detail the procedures and duties of the commission. The commission must employ a director of schools. Public Chapter 219 requires that commission meetings be made available for public viewing over the internet by streaming video accessible on the commission's website, and requires the commission to maintain archives of prior meetings. Public Chapter 219 also schedules the commission to terminate on June 30, 2021, unless continued or extended by the general assembly.

- (2) Public Chapter 219 revised the public charter school authorizing process. Under prior law, the chartering authority, or authorizer, of a public charter school was:
- (A) The local board of education or the achievement school district (ASD) that approves, renews, or decides not to revoke a public charter school application or agreement; or

(B) The state board of education, if the state board approves a charter school: under the provision of law authorizing an LEA to be the sponsor of a public charter school; or upon appeal from a denial of a charter school application by an LEA that contains at least one priority school on the current or last preceding priority school list.

Public Chapter 219 revised the provisions described above in (2)(B). Under Public Chapter 219, if an LEA is the sponsor of a public charter school, then the commission will serve as the authorizer. Also, Public Chapter 219 transitions the role of an appellate authorizer from the state board of education to the commission. Under Public Chapter 219, the state board will not be an authorizer after June 30, 2021. The full text of Public Chapter 219 sets out in detail the process by which charter agreements for which the state board is the authorizer will be transferred to the commission. Public Chapter 219 provides that the transfer will occur if there is mutual agreement to the transfer by the public charter school's governing body and the commission. If the public charter school's governing body and the commission cannot reach a mutual agreement before July 1, 2021, then the charter agreement authorized by the state board will terminate.

Public Chapter 219 clarifies that a sponsor seeking to establish a new public charter school or convert an existing school to a charter school must apply to the local board of education. Public Chapter 219 specifies that the requirement to apply to the local board for a conversion does not apply if the existing public school has entered the achievement school district.

Under Public Chapter 219, a local board of education's denial of an application for a new charter school or revocation of an existing charter school may continue to be made to the state board of education through December 31, 2020. Beginning January 1, 2021, such appeals must be directed to the commission. Public Chapter 219 also requires that notice of a commission meeting regarding an appeal be provided to the local board of education, the sponsor, and the general public. Under Public Chapter 219, at least one week before the meeting, notice of the meeting must be: published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the LEA is located; and posted on the commission's website. Public Chapter 219 requires the commission to review applications on appeal in accordance with the state board of education's quality public charter school authorizing standards.

(3) Public Chapter 219 requires the state board of education to ensure the effective operation of charter school authorizers and to evaluate authorizer quality. Public Chapter 219 authorizes the state board to conduct periodic evaluations of authorizers to determine authorizer compliance with the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002. If an

authorizer fails to comply with state law and rules after receiving notice of noncompliance, the failure to remedy may result in a reduction of the authorizer fee provided for in current law, as determined by the state board.

(4) Under current law, if the local board of education is the chartering authority of a charter school, then the local board receives an annual authorizer fee that is a percentage of the charter school's per student state and local funding. The annual authorizer fee must be the lesser of three percent of the annual per student state and local allocations or \$35,000 per school.

Public Chapter 219 adds that if the achievement school district (ASD) or the commission authorizes a public charter school, then the ASD or commission, whichever is the authorizer, will receive an annual authorizer fee of up to 3 percent of the public charter school's per pupil state and local funding.

- (5) Public Chapter 219 prohibits a public charter school from charging tuition, registration fees, or enrollment fees, except in cases of student transfers from outside the LEA as authorized under current law.
- (6) Public Chapter 219 specifies that the authorization for a public charter school to enroll students residing outside the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located pursuant to the out-of-district enrollment policy of the LEA in which the public charter school is located applies.
- (7) Public Chapter 219 specifies that the state board will determine timelines for approval and the appeal process.

Public Chapter 219 took effect April 26, 2019.

APPENDIX "D"

ELECTION LAW

During the 2019 regular legislative session, the One Hundred and Eleventh General Assembly passed several bills concerning elections and voting. Public Chapter 234 and Public Chapter 445 expanded access to convenient voting centers. Public Chapter 250 made various changes to election law by addressing subjects such as voter registration, poll watchers, conflicts of interest involving voting system vendors, and removal of members of the state election commission.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 234

Prior law provided for a pilot project to determine whether convenient voting centers could successfully be established for local and state elections to make it convenient for voters to vote at centralized voting areas on election day in the county in which the voter is registered, regardless of the voter's precinct. This pilot project only applied to Rutherford County for state and local elections scheduled in 2018.

Public Chapter 234 authorizes Rutherford County to create a new program that establishes convenient voting centers in the county for federal, state, and local elections under the following conditions:

- (1) For every 10,000 registered voters, the county election commission must locate at least one convenient voting center; provided, that each county election commission must locate at least two convenient voting centers within a county. In determining the locations of the convenient voting centers, the county election commission must consider the density of the county population, the geographic dividers, and all other facts and circumstances that exist within the county;
- (2) Convenient voting centers must be open for voting for a minimum of 10 continuous hours but no more than 13 hours. All convenient voting centers in the eastern time zone must close at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, and convenient voting centers in the central time zone must close at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time;
- (3) At least 15 days before the date of each election, the county election commission must determine a uniform time for the opening of all convenient voting centers;
- (4) Each convenient voting center used in the program must have a secure electronic connection, certified by the coordinator of elections, to the computerized voter registration system maintained by the county election commission permitting all voting information processed by any computer at a convenient voting center to be immediately accessible to all

other computers at all convenient voting centers in the county. The secure electronic connection must be sufficient to prevent any voter from voting more than once and to prevent unauthorized access to the computerized voter registration system;

- (5) Each convenient voting center must meet applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to the accessibility requirements of the Help America Vote Act and state law requirements for physical amenities at polling places and use of public buildings for polling places;
- (6) Current law concerning the procedures for polling places applies to convenient voting centers; and
- (7) If convenient voting centers are used in the election, the county election commission will not be limited by the current law provisions governing polling places, except that no polling location may be changed within 10 days of an election except in an emergency.

Public Chapter 234 took effect April 30, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 445

Public Chapter 445 authorizes Monroe, Wilson, and Williamson counties to implement a convenient voting centers pilot project. Under Public Chapter 445, after the required approval of a pilot project plan, the county election commission will be authorized to create a program that establishes convenient voting centers within the county for local elections conducted in 2019, and for federal, state, and local elections held in 2020.

Public Chapter 445 requires that a county election commission do the following with regard to the closing of a polling location due to the opening of a convenient voting center:

- (1) Accept public comments during a 30-day period, to be announced before the polling location is closed;
- (2) Endeavor to ensure that convenient voting centers are located in locations convenient to voters who had been assigned to the closed polling location; and
- (3) Post signage on election day, and during the early voting period if that polling location was used as an early voting center, in a conspicuous manner on or near the entrances to the closed polling location that states that the polling location is closed and that

provides the address of each convenient voting center. The posting requirement must be met until after the next November statewide general election following the closure.

Public Chapter 445 took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 250

Public Chapter 250 revises and adds various provisions regarding elections, as follows:

- (1) Public Chapter 250 requires a person or organization that has not been designated by the county election commission under current law (discussed below) and who conducts supplemental voter registration drives that attempt to register 100 or more people to vote to comply with the following conditions:
- (A) Prior to conducting a voter registration drive, the person or agent of an organization: provides the coordinator of elections with the name, address, and contact phone number of the person conducting the voter registration drive or the names, addresses, and contact phone numbers of the officers of the organization conducting the voter registration drive; provides the names of the county or counties in which the voter registration drives will be held; completes training administered by the coordinator of elections on the laws and procedures governing the voter registration process; files a sworn statement stating that the person or organization shall obey all state laws and procedures regarding the registration of voters; and ensures that individuals, whether volunteer or paid, who conduct voter registration drives for an organization have completed the training administered by the coordinator of elections; and
- (B) The person or organization delivers or mails completed voter registration forms within 10 days of the date of the voter registration drive, or, if the date of the voter registration drive is within 10 days of the voter registration deadline, delivers or mails the completed forms no later than the voter registration deadline.

Under current law, the county election commission, or its designee, in each county must conduct at least one supplemental voter registration each year at every public and private high school in the county, for the purpose of registration of those persons who will be eligible to vote in the next election. In addition, the county election commission, or its designee, must conduct a supplemental voter registration when a planned and scheduled group naturalization ceremony is held within the county. For purposes of those requirements, "designee" does not include representatives of a nationally recognized

political party or representatives of an organization that actively seeks to influence the outcome of an election.

(2) In regard to a supplemental registration, as discussed above in (1), Public Chapter 250 prohibits a person or organization conducting such a voter registration drive from copying, photographing, or in any way retaining the voter information and data collected on the voter registration application, unless the applicant consents. However, a social security number provided on a voter registration application is confidential and must not be retained by any person other than election officials in their official capacity.

Public Chapter 250 also prohibits the person or organization from employing or compensating any person, and prohibits a person from accepting wages or compensation for registering voters based on the number of voters registered. However, these provisions will not prohibit a person from being paid on an hourly or salaried basis to register voters. Public Chapter 250 prohibits the person or organization from establishing quotas or a minimum number of completed voter registration forms to be collected by individuals conducting a voter registration drive.

Public Chapter 250 requires the coordinator of elections to, at a minimum, offer online and at no cost the training for persons who conduct registration drives.

An intentional or knowing violation of the provisions of Public Chapter 250 regarding supplemental voter registration drives is a Class A misdemeanor.

Also, if the person or organization conducting such a voter registration drive under Public Chapter 250 files 100 or more incomplete voter registration applications with one or more county election commissions, the person or organization is subject to a civil penalty. An application will be considered incomplete if it is lacking the applicant's name, residential address, date of birth, declaration of eligibility, or signature. The full text of Public Chapter 250 sets out in detail the process for such a finding. Depending on the number of deficient filings, the state election commission may impose civil penalties for Class 1 and Class 2 offenses. A Class 1 offense will be punishable by a civil penalty of \$150, up to a maximum of \$2,000, in each county where the violation occurred. A Class 2 offense is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 in each county where the violation occurred. A civil penalty may be contested by petitioning the state election commission. Any such penalty imposed must be deposited into the general fund of the counties where the violation occurred.

The provisions of Public Chapter 250 regarding supplemental registration drives by a person or organization do not apply to individuals who are not paid to collect voter registration applications or organizations that are not paid to collect voter registration applications and that use only unpaid volunteers to collect voter registration applications.

- (3) Public Chapter 250 requires that poll watchers be Tennessee residents.
- (4) Public Chapter 250 deletes the requirements for counting a punchcard ballot when a recount is undertaken on such a ballot.
- (5) Public Chapter 250 prohibits an agent of a voting systems vendor or any person acting on behalf of a voting systems vendor from offering or attempting to offer anything of value, making a loan, providing travel reimbursement, or providing a valuable gift to, or allowing use of a credit card by, a state election commission member; county election commission member; the secretary of state; the coordinator of elections; the administrator of elections; an employee of the state election commission, the county election commission, or the secretary of state; or an immediate family member of such persons. Conversely, such government officials and their immediate family members are prohibited from accepting or soliciting a thing of value, loan, or travel reimbursement from an agent of a voting systems vendor or any person acting on behalf of a voting systems vendor.

Public Chapter 250 also prohibits an agent of a voting systems vendor from knowingly making or causing to be made any false statement or misrepresentation of the facts concerning any matter for which the voting systems vendor is responsible to a state election commission member; county election commission member; the secretary of state; the coordinator of elections; the administrator of elections; or an employee of the state election commission, the county election commission, or the secretary of state.

Generally under current law, unless a specific provision provides otherwise, a violation of election laws such as engaging in a prohibited act is a Class C misdemeanor.

(6) Public Chapter 250 requires that a public communication regarding voter registration status made by a political committee or organization display a disclaimer that such communication is not made in conjunction with or authorized by the secretary of state. Also under Public Chapter 250:

- (A) A person or organization that establishes a website for voter registration purposes must display on such website a disclaimer that the voter registration is not made in conjunction with or authorized by the secretary of state;
- (B) A person or organization that establishes a voter registration website and captures or collects the voter's information or data must disclose on the website the person's or organization's name and the purpose for which the voter information is captured or collected;
- (C) A person or organization that establishes a voter lookup website must display on such website a disclaimer that the voter lookup is not made in conjunction with or authorized by the secretary of state. Voter lookup includes any method by which a voter may check the voter's registration status or polling location; and
- (D) A person or organization that establishes a voter lookup website and captures or collects the voter's information or data must disclose on the website the person's or organization's name and the purpose for which the voter information is captured or collected.

An intentional and knowing violation of such disclaimer requirements is a Class A misdemeanor. Such disclaimer requirements do not apply to a county election commission website.

(7) Public Chapter 250 authorizes the General Assembly, by joint resolution, to remove a member of the state election commission for cause and to remove a member who becomes unqualified.

Public Chapter 250 takes effect October 1, 2019.

APPENDIX "E"

OPERATION OF VEHICLES

The One Hundred and Eleventh General Assembly passed a pair of bills that address the operation of vehicles and current technology. Public Chapter 388 specifies the applicability of rules of the road to electric scooters. Public Chapter 412 generally prohibits the use of handheld mobile telephones and other devices while operating a motor vehicle.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 388

Public Chapter 388 defines "electric scooter" to mean a device weighing less than 100 pounds that:

- (1) Has handlebars and an electric motor;
- (2) Is solely powered by the electric motor or human power, or both; and
- (3) Has a maximum speed of no more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor.

Public Chapter 388 provides that the requirements and laws that apply to the operation of bicycles and electric bicycles also apply to electric scooters. Accordingly, an electric scooter is not subject to requirements or laws applicable to motor vehicles, including the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977, the Uniformed Classified and Commercial Driver License Act of 1988, and provisions relating to titling and registration.

Public Chapter 388 specifies that its provisions do not preempt a county, municipality, or metropolitan form of government, by ordinance of its legislative body, from regulating, controlling, or banning the use and operation of electric scooters. The ordinance must be reasonably related to promotion and protection of the health, safety, and welfare of riders, operators, pedestrians, and motorists.

Public Chapter 388 also specifies that for purposes of the DUI laws, an electric scooter is considered a motor-driven vehicle.

Public Chapter 388 took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 412

Public Chapter 412 rewrote prior law provisions governing use of a mobile telephone or personal digital assistant to transmit or read written messages while driving, use of a hand-held mobile telephone in marked school zones, and prohibits the use of a mobile telephone with a hands-free device by a minor.

Public Chapter 412 prohibits a person from doing the following while operating a motor vehicle on any road or highway in this state:

- (1) Physically holding or supporting, with any part of the person's body a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device. Notwithstanding this prohibition, an adult may use an earpiece, headphone device, or device worn on a wrist to conduct a voice-based communication and may use one button on a wireless telecommunications device to initiate or terminate a voice communication;
- (2) Writing, sending, or reading any text-based communication, including, but not limited to, a text message, instant message, email, or internet data on a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device; however, an adult may use such devices: to automatically convert a voice-based communication to be sent as a message in a written form; or for navigation of the motor vehicle through use of a device's global positioning system;
- (3) Reaching for a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device in a manner that requires the driver to no longer be: in a seated driving position; or properly restrained by a safety belt;
- (4) Watching a video or movie on a wireless telecommunications device or standalone electronic device other than viewing data related to the navigation of the motor vehicle; and
- (5) Recording or broadcasting video on a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device; however, this provision does not apply to electronic devices used for the sole purpose of continuously recording or broadcasting video within or outside of the motor vehicle.

In addition to the above-described exceptions to the prohibited conduct, the following is allowed under Public Chapter 412: a function or feature of a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device may be activated or deactivated in a manner requiring the physical use of the driver's hand while the driver is operating a motor vehicle if:

- (A) The wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device is mounted on the vehicle's windshield, dashboard, or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road; and
- (B) The driver's hand is used to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device with the motion of one swipe or tap of the driver's finger, and does not activate camera, video, or gaming features or functions for viewing, recording, amusement, or other non-navigational functions, other than features or functions related to the transportation of persons or property for compensation or payment of a fee.

A violation of Public Chapter 412 is a Class C misdemeanor, subject only to imposition of a fine not to exceed \$50.00. However, if the violation is the person's third or subsequent offense or if the violation results in an accident, the fine is enhanced to \$100; or if the violation occurs in a work zone when employees of the department of transportation or construction workers are present or in a marked school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, the fine is enhanced to \$200. A violator will be subject to the imposition of court costs not to exceed \$10.00, including, but not limited to, any statutory fees of officers. State and local litigation taxes will not be applicable to a case prosecuted under Public Chapter 412. In lieu of any fine imposed, a first time offender may attend and complete a driver education course.

Public Chapter 412 does not apply to the following persons:

- (1) Officers of this state or of any county, city, or town charged with the enforcement of the laws of this state, or federal law enforcement officers when in the actual discharge of their official duties;
- (2) Campus police officers and public safety officers when in the actual discharge of their official duties;
- (3) Emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician-paramedics, and firefighters, both volunteer and career, when in the actual discharge of their official duties;
- (4) Emergency management agency officers of this state or of any county, city, or town, when in the actual discharge of their official duties;
- (5) Persons using a wireless telecommunications device to communicate with law enforcement agencies, medical providers, fire departments, or other emergency service agencies while driving a motor vehicle, if the use is necessitated by a bona fide emergency, including a natural or human occurrence that threatens human health, life, or property;

- (6) Employees or contractors of utility services providers acting within the scope of their employment; and
- (7) Persons who are lawfully stopped or parked in their motor vehicles or who lawfully leave standing their motor vehicles.

A traffic citation that is based solely upon a violation of Public Chapter 412 is considered a moving traffic violation.

Public Chapter 412 directs the department of safety to:

- (1) Utilize the department's permanent electronic overhead informational displays to periodically notify the public of the prohibitions contained in Public Chapter 412; and
- (2) Include distracted driving as part of the instructional information used in driver education training.

Public Chapter 412 took effect July 1, 2019.

APPENDIX "F"

SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS

Public Chapter 418 authorizes a local education agency (LEA) to purchase, install, operate, and maintain cameras on the exterior of school buses, or enter into a contract with a private vendor to purchase, install, operate, and maintain cameras on the exterior of school buses on behalf of the LEA, for the purpose of recording images of motor vehicles that are in violation of the law requiring vehicles to stop upon approaching a school bus.

Public Chapter 418 requires an LEA that allows cameras on the exterior of school buses to enter into a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement for the preservation of evidence from a camera. Only state-commissioned law enforcement officers and law enforcement officers who are certified by the police officer standards and training commission are authorized to review evidence from a camera to determine whether a violation has occurred.

Generally under current law, it is a Class A misdemeanor offense punishable only by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 for a person to fail to stop upon approaching a school bus. Under Public Chapter 418, a first violation of failing to stop for the bus that is based solely upon evidence from a camera that has been installed on the exterior of a school bus will be considered a nonmoving traffic violation. The registered owner of the motor vehicle will be responsible for payment of any notice of violation or citation, not to exceed \$50.00, for a first offense citation issued as the result of evidence provided by a camera; except, that the owner is not responsible for the violation if the owner submits documentation in accordance with current law that the owner did not have care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation. A second or subsequent violation that is based solely upon evidence from a camera that has been installed on the exterior of a school bus will be punished in accordance with current law, with the same exception as described above for an owner who submits proof that the motor vehicle was not in the care, control, or custody of the owner at the time of the violation.

Public Chapter 418 requires that a notice of a violation for failing to stop for the bus that is based solely upon evidence from a camera that has been installed on the exterior of a school bus be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle in the same manner as a notice of a traffic citation that is based solely upon evidence obtained from an unmanned traffic enforcement camera under current law. The full text of Public Chapter 418 specifies the contents of a notice of violation.

All of the proceeds from any fine imposed under Public Chapter 418 that is based solely upon evidence obtained from a school bus camera must be allocated to the LEA without being designated for any particular purpose. If the LEA uses the proceeds to reimburse or compensate a vendor regarding the purchase, installation, operation, or maintenance of a camera, then Public Chapter 418 also requires an LEA to develop procedures for such reimbursement or compensation and to maintain records of such reimbursement or compensation.

Public Chapter 418 requires an LEA that contracts for transportation services with any persons or entities that own school buses to include in each contract a provision requiring the owner to allow the LEA, private vendor, or local law enforcement agency reasonable access to the bus for the purposes of installing, maintaining, or inspecting cameras or obtaining, gathering, or transmitting recorded images from the camera to enforce the requirement for a motor vehicle to stop for a school bus.

Public Chapter 418 specifies that any photograph or video recorded by a camera in accordance with Public Chapter 418 is admissible as evidence in a proceeding alleging a violation of the requirement to stop for a school bus, if the photograph or video meets the standards of admissibility set forth in the Tennessee Rules of Evidence.

Public Chapter 418 took effect May 21, 2019.

APPENDIX "G"

TAXES

The One Hundred and Eleventh General Assembly passed several bills concerning various taxes. Public Chapter 427 created a sales and use tax exemption for water used in farming. Public Chapter 429 authorized implementation of an administrative rule for the collection and remittance of online sales taxes by out-of-state dealers. Public Chapter 478 reduced the number of professions to which the professional privilege tax applies. Public Chapter 509 repealed the ammunition tax.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 427

Public Chapter 427 exempted water used directly in the production of food or fiber for human or animal consumption, or to aid in the growing of a horticultural product for sale, from the sales and use tax.

Public Chapter 427 took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 429

In pertinent part, Public Chapter 429 specifies that, effective July 1, 2019, the department of revenue is no longer prohibited from collecting internet sales or use taxes pursuant to Rule 1320-05-01-.129(2), as court rulings pertaining to such rule have been reviewed by the General Assembly. Rule 1320-05-01-.129(2) requires out-of-state dealers who make sales in excess of \$500,000 during the previous 12-month period to consumers located in Tennessee to collect and remit the sales and use tax. Chapter 452 of the Public Acts of 2017 prohibited the department from collecting any internet sales or use taxes authorized under Rule 1320-05-01-.129(2) and permitted under a ruling of any court, until such court's ruling has been fully reviewed and rule 1320-05-01 .129(2) has been approved by the General Assembly.

The provision of Public Chapter 429 concerning collection of internet sales or use taxes took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 478

Beginning with privilege taxes due and payable after May 31, 2020, Public Chapter 478 removes accountants, architects, real estate brokers, engineers, landscape architects, audiologists, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, podiatrists, psychologists, speech pathologists, veterinarians, and athlete agents from the list of professions that are subject to an annual professional privilege tax. The \$400 tax will continue to apply to registered lobbyists, agents, broker-dealers, investment advisers, osteopathic physicians, physicians, and attorneys.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 509

Prior law required retailers who sold metallic cartridges or shotgun shells to place a tax stamp on each box of ammunition offered for sale. Each ammunition tax stamp cost ten cents. Public Chapter 509 repealed the ammunition tax.

Public Chapter 509 took effect July 1, 2019.

APPENDIX "H"

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The One Hundred and Eleventh General Assembly passed several significant pieces of legislation during its 2019 regular session. Public Chapter 438 revised prior law concerning suspension and revocation of driver licenses based on non-payment of fines and costs for driving offenses. Public Chapter 474 made various changes and additions to laws concerning the protection of elderly and vulnerable adults. Public Chapter 486 revised the penalties for certain criminal offenses and made other changes to various laws relative to criminal justice. Public Chapter 488 changed the manner in which sentence reduction credits are applied for persons convicted of felony offenses. Public Chapter 499 revised the time periods for filing civil lawsuits and initiating criminal prosecution for certain acts of child abuse, and changed penalties for failure to report child abuse.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 438

DRIVING OFFENSES

Prior law authorized the department of safety to suspend the driver license of an operator or chauffeur who was finally convicted of any driving offense in any court and did not pay or secure any fine or costs imposed for that offense. In Shelby County, prior to the suspension of a license, the local court or court clerk was required to offer an installment payment plan, and for so long as the licensee complied with the plan, the department was prohibited from suspending the license for nonpayment of the fine or costs. Additionally, a person whose license was suspended for having been convicted of a driving offense, and for the subsequent failure to pay a fine or cost imposed for that offense, could apply to the court where the person was convicted for the issuance of a restricted license to drive to and from work, the validity of which was contingent on compliance with a payment plan.

Public Chapter 438 changed prior law by requiring courts for all judicial districts to require every licensee who is convicted of a driving offense and who does not pay all fines and costs on the date of disposition of the case to make payments of such fines and costs according to an installment payment plan, thereby removing the requirement that a licensee apply to the court for a restricted license.

Under Public Chapter 438, a licensee who is current with a payment plan will not have her or his license suspended. Public Chapter 438 requires court clerks to notify the department of any licensee who is not current on a payment plan, and the department must notify the licensee that the licensee's driver license will be suspended if the licensee does not provide proof of compliance, or re-establishment of compliance, with the payment plan within 30 days from the date that the department sends the notice.

A licensee whose driver license is suspended for noncompliance with a payment plan may petition the court for issuance of a restricted license. A restricted license authorizes the licensee to drive to and from work, school, religious worship, participation in a recovery court, or for medical care necessitated by a serious illness of the licensee or an immediate family member. There is a \$65.00 application fee for a restricted license. A licensee must comply with a payment plan, or the restricted license will be revoked. The process for revocation of a restricted license for noncompliance with a payment plan is similar to that for suspension of a license for noncompliance with a payment plan, allowing the licensee 30 days to provide the department with proof of compliance, or re-establishment of compliance, before the restricted license is revoked. A licensee whose restricted license is revoked may apply for a reissued revoked license no sooner than six months from the date of revocation. There is a \$65.00 application fee for a reissued revoked license and the licensee must be actively participating in a payment plan.

Public Chapter 438 applies retroactively so that a person whose license was suspended for nonpayment of costs and fines for a driving offense before July 1, 2019, is authorized to apply to the court with original jurisdiction over the driving offense case for a payment plan. A person who obtains a payment plan for a driving offense before July 1, 2019, may present the court order for the payment plan to the department for issuance of a driver license at no cost.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Prior law required the commissioner of safety to revoke the driver license of a licensee who did not pay all litigation taxes, court costs, and fines assessed as a result of disposition of any offense under the criminal laws of Tennessee within one year of the date of disposition of the offense. The license remained revoked until all litigation taxes, court costs, and fines were paid; provided, that a licensee could apply to the court having original jurisdiction over the offense for an order staying the revocation of the license based on inability to pay. An order to stay the revocation of the license was granted if the court found that the licensee would experience hardship from the revocation of the license and that

other means of transportation were not readily available. Subject an exception for travel to and from a rehabilitation court, an order of stay could not last beyond 180 days.

Prior law authorized a licensee who was unable to pay all of the assessed litigation taxes, court costs, and fines but was able to pay some of them to apply to the court for an order setting up a payment plan. If the licensee and court agreed to a payment plan, the court would order a stay of the licensure. If a licensee failed to make payments according to the plan for three consecutive months without good cause, the court was authorized to revoke the stay order.

Public Chapter 438 replaced the prior law provisions for a stay order with a payment plan program that is substantially similar to the payment plan program that Public Chapter 438 created for driving offenses, including the retroactive provisions.

INDIGENCY

In addition to applying for a payment plan, prior law authorized a person who was indigent to apply for the waiver of any outstanding court costs and fines stemming from the disposition of a criminal offense. An application for a waiver had to include:

- (1) A signed affidavit of indigency; and
- (2) Payment of a fee of up to \$50.00, subject to the discretion of the court after consideration of the person's ability to pay.

After consideration of the affidavit of indigency and the payment of any fee, prior law authorized the court to waive any outstanding court costs and fines.

Public Chapter 438 replaces prior law concerning indigency waivers and instead requires a court to suspend the person's taxes, fines, and costs upon proof of a licensee's inability to pay tax, fines, or costs imposed for any disposition of any criminal offense due to indigency. The court may order the person to reappear before the court for a reevaluation of the person's financial ability or inability to pay. If, after the reevaluation, the person is no longer financially unable to pay or secure any portion of the taxes, fines, or costs the court

will reinstate the taxes, fines, and costs. If the person remains financially unable to pay any portion of the taxes, fines, or costs, the court will extend the suspension of the person's taxes, fines, and costs for another year and order the person to reappear before the court for a subsequent reevaluation of the person's financial ability or inability to pay.

Public Chapter 438 took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 474

Public Chapter 474 enacts the "Elderly and Vulnerable Protection Act of 2019" to revise various provisions of law governing the protection of elderly and vulnerable adults, as follows:

- (1) Public Chapter 474 replaces the present law Class D felony of knowingly abusing a vulnerable adult and the Class C felony of knowingly physically abusing an impaired adult if the abuse results in serious mental or physical harm, and Public Chapter 474 creates the following new offenses:
 - (A) It will be a Class E felony for a person to knowingly abuse an elderly person;
 - (B) It will be a Class D felony for a person to knowingly abuse a vulnerable adult;
- (C) It will be a Class C felony and the offense of aggravated abuse of an elderly or vulnerable adult for a person to knowingly commit abuse and the act results in serious psychological injury or serious physical harm. Public Chapter 474 defines "serious psychological injury" as any mental harm that would normally require extended medical treatment, including hospitalization or institutionalization, or mental harm involving any degree of prolonged incapacity;
- (D) It will be a Class B felony and the offense of aggravated abuse of an elderly or vulnerable adult for a person to knowingly commit abuse and a deadly weapon is used or the abuse involves strangulation;
- (E) It will be a Class B felony and the offense of aggravated abuse of an elderly or vulnerable adult for a person to knowingly commit abuse and the abuse results in serious bodily injury; and
- (F) It will be a Class A misdemeanor for a person to knowingly sexually exploit an elderly or vulnerable adult. The full text of Public Chapter 474 includes a detailed definition of "sexual exploitation".

- (2) Under current law, a person convicted of certain offenses, such as the offense of knowingly neglecting an elderly or vulnerable adult, is included on a registry maintained by the department of health containing the names of any persons who have been determined by Tennessee government agencies or any state or federal court or any administrative bodies to have abused, neglected, misappropriated or exploited the property of vulnerable individuals. Public Chapter 474 adds the offenses created by Public Chapter 474 (described above in (1)) to the list of offenses conviction of which result in inclusion on the registry.
- (3) Generally under the law in effect until January 1, 2020, a relative having personal knowledge that an adult has been the subject of a violation of one of the offenses regarding abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult or vulnerable person, or that such adult is threatened with or placed in fear of such a violation occurring against such adult may seek a protective order for the adult by filing a sworn petition with a court. The law sets out in detail the process for obtaining and the effect of having such an order. Public Chapter 474 makes various revisions to these provisions, including the following:
- (A) Public Chapter 474 adds a conservator, agent of the commission on aging and disability; a designated agency or assign of the relative, conservator, or commission; attorney ad litem; and the adults themselves as persons who may petition the court for protection;
- (B) Under current law, when the relative petitions for protection for the adult, the petition must allege facts that the adult lacks capacity to consent. Public Chapter 474 adds that the facts may allege instead that the adult appearing in court to petition on the adult's own behalf would pose an undue burden on the adult;
- (C) Public Chapter 474 establishes a process for issuance of an ex parte order of protection upon a petition filed by a law enforcement officer responding to an incident involving an elderly or vulnerable adult victim; and
- (D) Public Chapter 474 increases from 120 days to one year the maximum amount of time for which an order may be issued or extended. Public Chapter 474 also decreases from five days to three days prior to a hearing the time within which a copy of a petition and notice of the date set for a hearing, as well as any copy of an ex parte order of protection, must be served.
- (4) Public Chapter 474 adds that the court may waive any court costs, taxes, or fees for obtaining an order of protection upon a finding that the individual for whose benefit an order of protection has been sought is indigent. If a third party seeking an order of protection represents to the court under oath that the individual for whose benefit the order of protection has been sought is indigent, the court will presume that the individual for whose benefit the order of protection has been sought is indigent absent clear and

convincing evidence to the contrary. Public Chapter 474 specifies that the department is not responsible for court costs, costs of representation, or costs for a guardian ad litem related to a petition for an exparte order of protection, or any exparte order of protection.

(5) Public Chapter 474 changes, from December 1 of each year to January 31 of the following year the date by which each district attorney general must file an annual report that summarizes the work of a vulnerable adult protective investigative team for the previous calendar year with the chairs of the judiciary committees of the senate and house of representatives.

Public Chapter 474 took effect May 24, 2019, for the purpose of promulgating rules. Public Chapter 474 took effect January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 486

Public Chapter 486 makes several changes to prior and current law concerning criminal offenses.

AGGRAVATED VEHICULAR ASSAULT

Under prior law, the Motor Vehicle Habitual Offenders Act required that when a person was convicted of three or more certain criminal offenses involving motor vehicles within a five-year period, or who has five or more such convictions within a 10-year period, the district attorney must petition a court to hold a hearing to determine whether the person is a habitual offender. If a person was determined to be a habitual offender, the court was required to issue an order prohibiting the person from operating a motor vehicle. After three years, a habitual offender was authorized to petition the court for reinstatement of the person's driving privileges. It was a Class E felony offense for a habitual offender to operate a motor vehicle while the habitual offender's driving privileges were revoked. Additionally, prior violations of the motor vehicle habitual offender law could be used as aggravating factors for the Class C felony offense aggravated vehicular assault.

Public Chapter 486 repeals the Motor Vehicle Habitual Offenders Act, effective July 1, 2019.

In addition to repealing the Motor Vehicle Habitual Offenders Act, Public Chapter 486 authorizes a person whose driver license was revoked or restricted due solely to the person's status as a motor vehicle habitual offender prior to July 1, 2019, to petition a court for reinstatement of the person's driver license. Such authorization takes effect 30 days after the date upon which the commissioner of safety provides written notification to the secretary of state and the executive secretary of the Tennessee code commission that the department of safety's "A-list" driver license program is capable of implementing Public Chapter 474 or January 1, 2020, whichever is earlier.

FAILURE TO APPEAR

Under prior law, failure to appear on a criminal summons, citation, or appearance bond is generally a Class A misdemeanor offense. If the occasion for which the defendant's appearance is required is a Class A misdemeanor or a felony, failure to appear was a Class E felony offense. Prior law authorized courts to order that any sentence imposed for failure to appear be served consecutively to any sentence received for the offense for which the defendant failed to appear.

Public Chapter 486 classifies all incidences of failure to appear a Class A misdemeanor offense and requires that any sentence imposed for failure to appear be served consecutively to any sentence received for the offense for which the defendant failed to appear.

Under prior law, a person who failed to appear on a sheriff's release citation committed a Class A misdemeanor offense, punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$250.

Public Chapter 486 increased the penalty for failure to appear on a sheriff's release citation to the standard penalty for a Class A misdemeanor, up to 11 months and 29 days in a jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

CONTRABAND IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Under prior law, the criminal offense of taking contraband into a penal institution without the chief administrator's written consent was classified as follows:

- (1) If the contraband was a weapon, ammunition, explosive, intoxicant, legend drug, or any controlled substance or controlled substance analogue, the offense was a Class C felony; and
- (2) If the contraband is a telecommunications device, the offense was a Class E felony.

Possession of a weapon, ammunition, explosive, intoxicant, legend drug, or any controlled substance or controlled substance analogue while present in any penal institution without the express written consent of the chief administrator of the institution was also a Class C felony.

Public Chapter 486 revised the classification of the criminal offense of taking contraband into a penal institution as follows:

- (1) For a weapon, ammunition, or explosive, the offense remains a Class C felony;
- (2) For an intoxicant, a legend drug, or any controlled substance or controlled substance analogue, the offense is a Class D felony; and
 - (3) For a telecommunications device, the offense is a Class D felony.

The classifications identified in (1) and (2) apply to possession of a weapon, ammunition, explosive, intoxicant, legend drug, or any controlled substance or controlled substance analogue while present in any penal institution without the express written consent of the chief administrator of the institution.

THEFT OF A FIREARM

Under current law, the criminal offense of theft is classified based on the value of the property with a range of Class A misdemeanor to Class A felony. The punishment for the offense depends on the classification.

Public Chapter 486 imposed a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 days confinement for theft of a firearm.

DUI

Under current law, repeat DUI offenders are subject to enhanced punishments if the immediately preceding violation occurred within 10 years of the current conviction. For purposes of determining if a person convicted of DUI is a multiple offender, prior law required that a prior conviction for vehicular assault, aggravated vehicular assault, vehicular homicide, or aggravated vehicular homicide was treated the same as a prior conviction for DUI; provided, the person was convicted of the prior offense before the current DUI.

Public Chapter 486 added that, for purposes of enhancing the punishment of a person convicted of DUI, a prior conviction for vehicular assault, aggravated vehicular assault, vehicular homicide, or aggravated vehicular homicide must be treated the same as a prior conviction for DUI, regardless of whether the prior offense occurred within 10 years of the date of the present violation.

Prior law required that any person who was convicted for a fourth or fifth DUI offense be sentenced as a felon to serve not less than 150 consecutive days nor more than the maximum punishment authorized for the appropriate range of a Class E felony (six years).

Public Chapter 486 maintained the prior law penalty for a fourth DUI offense. Public Chapter 486 requires that any person convicted for a fifth offense DUI that occurs on or after July 1, 2019, be sentenced as a Class D felon and sentenced to serve not less than 150 consecutive days nor more than the maximum punishment authorized for the appropriate range of a Class D felony (12 years). Additionally, Public Chapter 486 requires that all of the collateral consequences of a DUI, including a fine, forfeiture, driver license suspension or revocation, interlock, transdermal, and other monitoring devices, substance abuse assessments, in-patient or out-patient treatment, drug court or DUI court, and conditions of probation apply to a fifth offender.

Public Chapter 486 removed release eligibility for a person who commits DUI, on or after January 1, 2019, if the person has at least six prior DUI convictions. Public Chapter

486 requires that any such person serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court less sentence credits earned and retained, not to exceed a reduction in the sentence of more than 15 percent.

Current law requires that an offender sentenced to a period of incarceration for a DUI commence service of the sentence within 30 days of conviction or, if space is not immediately available in the appropriate municipal or county jail or workhouse within such time, as soon as such space is available. If, in the opinion of the sheriff or chief administrative officer of a local jail or workhouse, space will not be available to allow a DUI offender to commence service of the sentence, prior law required the sheriff or administrative officer to use alternative facilities for the incarceration of the offender.

Public Chapter 486 makes use of alternative facilities by a sheriff or chief administrative officer of a local jail or workhouse for the incarceration of DUI offenders permissive.

JURISDICTION TO ISSUE SEARCH WARRANTS

Public Chapter 486 specifies that the judges of chancery and circuit courts have statewide jurisdiction to issue search warrants in any district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Except as otherwise specified in this summary, Public Chapter 486 took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 488

Public Chapter 488 prevents an inmate convicted of a Class A, B, or C felony offense against a person from using sentence reduction credits for release on parole, probation, or community correction supervision until the minimum release eligibility date applicable to the inmate is reached. Public Chapter 488 also establishes a presumption that an inmate convicted of Class E or Class D nonviolent felony is to be paroled upon reaching release eligibility date unless good cause is shown as to why the inmate should not be released.

Public Chapter 488 took effect July 1, 2019.

PUBLIC CHAPTER 499

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CIVIL ACTIONS BASED ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Under prior law, a civil action for an injury or illness based on child sexual abuse that occurred when the injured person was a minor, but was not discovered at the time of the abuse, must have been brought within three years from the time of discovery of the abuse by the injured person. In no event could such an action be brought against the alleged perpetrator of the child sexual abuse or against the alleged perpetrator's estate later than seven years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age. If the action was brought more than one year from the date the injured person became 18 years of age, the injured person was required to offer admissible and credible evidence corroborating the claim of abuse by the alleged perpetrator.

Public Chapter 499 changed the statute of limitations for such actions when the child sexual abuse occurred before July 1, 2019, but was not discovered at the time of the abuse, to within three years from the time of discovery of the abuse by the injured person. When the child sexual abuse occurred on or after July 1, 2019, the statute of limitations for such actions is the later of:

- (1) Fifteen years from the date the person becomes 18 years of age; or
- (2) If the injury or illness was not discovered at the time of the abuse, within three years from the time of discovery of the abuse by the injured person.

Public Chapter 499 limited the application of the requirement for corroborating evidence when an action is brought more than one year from the date the injured person becomes 18 years of age. Under Public Chapter 499, corroborating evidence will only be required when an action is brought more than one year from the date the injured person becomes 18 years of age and the defendant is someone other than the alleged perpetrator of the child sexual abuse.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH DUTY TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE

Current law requires any person who has knowledge of or is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from or has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition to report such harm immediately if the harm is of such a nature as to reasonably indicate that it has been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect or that, on the basis of available information, reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect. Under prior law, any person who knowingly failed to make a required child abuse report committed a Class A misdemeanor. Current law requires that a person who pleads not guilty to a charge of knowingly failing to make a required child abuse report must be bound over to the grand jury. A person who pleads guilty to a charge of knowingly failing to make a required child abuse report may be sentenced only with a fine not to exceed \$2,500.

Public Chapter 499 increased the criminal classification of any second or subsequent violation of knowingly failing to make a required child abuse report to a Class E felony. A first offense for knowingly failing to make a required child abuse report remains a Class A misdemeanor. Public Chapter 499 classified any intentional failure to make a required child abuse report a Class E felony. Under Public Chapter 499, the fine only punishment for a guilty plea only applies to first offenses.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH DUTY TO REPORT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Current law requires any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been sexually abused to report such knowledge or suspicion to the department of children's services. Under prior law, any person who knowingly failed to make a required child sexual abuse report committed a Class A misdemeanor.

Public Chapter 499 increased the criminal classification of any second or subsequent violation of knowingly failing to make a required child sexual abuse report a Class E felony. A first offense for knowingly failing to make a required child sexual abuse report remains a Class A misdemeanor. Public Chapter 499 classified any intentional failure to make a required child sexual abuse report a Class E felony.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES

Subject to certain requirements concerning a victim's age, reporting, and corroborating evidence, described further in this summary, Public Chapter 499 authorizes prosecution of the following offenses at any time after the commission of the offense if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense and the offense was committed on or after July 1, 2019, or prior to July 1, 2019, unless prosecution for the offense is barred because a prior applicable time limitation for prosecution of the offense expired prior to July 1, 2019:

- (1) Trafficking for a commercial sex act. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 15 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (2) Aggravated rape. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is any time after the commission of the offense, if the victim notifies law enforcement or the office of the district attorney general of the offense within three years of the offense;
- (3) Rape. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is any time after the commission of the offense, if the victim notifies law enforcement or the office of the district attorney general of the offense within three years of the offense;
- (4) Aggravated sexual battery. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (5) Sexual battery. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (6) Mitigated statutory rape. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is two years;
- (7) Statutory rape. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is two years;
- (8) Aggravated statutory rape. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 15 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (9) Indecent exposure, when the offense is classified as a felony offense. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is two years;
- (10) Patronizing prostitution. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 10 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;

- (11) Promotion of prostitution. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (12) Continuous sexual abuse of a child. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law varies depending on the classification of the offenses that were continuously engaged in;
- (13) Rape of a child. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is any time after the commission of the offense, if the victim notifies law enforcement or the office of the district attorney general of the offense within three years of the offense;
- (14) Sexual battery by an authority figure. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (15) Solicitation of a minor, when the offense is classified as a felony offense. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law varies depending on the classification of the offenses that were solicited;
- (16) Soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor exploitation of a minor by electronic means. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 15 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (17) Aggravated rape of a child. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is any time after the commission of the offense, if the victim notifies law enforcement or the office of the district attorney general of the offense within three years of the offense;
- (18) Statutory rape by an authority figure. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;
- (19) Unlawful photographing, when the offense is classified as a felony offense. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law varies depending on the classification of the offense;
- (20) Observation without consent, when the offense is classified as a felony offense. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is two years;
- (21) Incest. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is four years;
- (22) Sexual exploitation of a minor. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age;

- (23) Aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age; and
- (24) Especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor. The most recent statute of limitations applicable to this offense under prior law is no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age.

For prosecution to be permitted at any time of the commission of the offense, either:

- (1) The victim must have been under 13 years of age at the time of the offense;
- (2) The victim must have been at least 13 years of age but no more than 17 years of age at the time of the offense, and the victim must have reported the offense to another person prior to the victim attaining 23 years of age; or
- (3) The victim must have been at least 13 years of age but no more than 17 years of age at the time of the offense, and the victim did not meet the reporting requirements described in (2); provided, however, if prosecution is commenced on a date that is more than 25 years after the victim becomes 18 years of age, the prosecution must offer admissible, credible evidence that corroborates the defendant's allegations or similar acts by the defendant.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Public Chapter 499 took effect July 1, 2019.

APPENDIX "I"

HANDGUN CARRY PERMIT

Public Chapter 479 renames the handgun carry permit that has been available since 1997 as the "enhanced handgun carry permit" and creates a new "concealed handgun carry permit". The significant differences between an enhanced handgun carry permit and a concealed handgun carry permit are as follows:

- (1) An enhanced handgun carry permit does not specify the manner in which a handgun must be carried. A concealed handgun carry permit will only authorize the holder to carry in a concealed manner;
- (2) An applicant for an enhanced handgun carry permit must present photo identification. An applicant for a concealed handgun carry permit may present either photo identification or other proof satisfactory to the department of safety showing the person's identity and residency;
- (3) Subject to certain exceptions for persons who obtain firearm training through the military, a police academy, or armed guard instruction courses, an applicant for an enhanced handgun carry permit must submit proof of the successful completion of a department approved handgun safety course within one year of the date of application. Instead of completing a department approved handgun safety course, an applicant for a concealed handgun carry permit will be required to demonstrate competence with a handgun, which may be accomplished by various forms of experience, including, but not limited to, completion of a hunter safety course, completion of a firearm safety course, military service, prior issuance of a carry permit, law enforcement or security training, or any other firearm training that the department of safety deems adequate. The full text of Public Chapter 479 lists several criteria that a firearms training or safety course or class must meet for purposes of providing students with competence with a handgun. In order for completion of a safety or training course or class to meet the requirements for issuance of a concealed handgun carry permit, the applicant must have completed the course or class no more than one year prior to applying for the permit;
- (4) The application fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit is \$100. The application fee for a concealed handgun carry permit is \$65.00; and
- (5) An applicant for a concealed carry permit must provide a signed printed copy of a form provided by the department of safety stating that the applicant has read and understands the current state law on carrying handguns.

Public Chapter 479 authorizes a state or local law enforcement officer, within the officer's lawful jurisdiction and when the officer is acting in the lawful discharge of the

officer's official duties, to disarm a permit holder at any time when the officer reasonably believes it is necessary for the protection of the permit holder, officer, or another individual. The officer must return the handgun to the permit holder before discharging the permit holder from the scene when the officer has determined that the permit holder is not a threat to the officer, the permit holder, or another individual; provided, that the permit holder has not violated this section or committed any other violation that results in the arrest of the permit holder.

Public Chapter 479 takes effect January 1, 2020.

APPENDIX "J"

TENNESSEE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PILOT PROGRAM

Public Chapter 506 enacted the "Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program," which provides for education savings accounts for eligible students, whereby funds will be provided for the student to be educated at a private school that meets the requirements established by the department of education and the state board of education for a Category I, II, or III private school (referred to as a "participating school").

An "eligible student" under Public Chapter 506 is a resident of this state who:

- (1) Was previously enrolled in and attended a Tennessee public school for the one full school year immediately preceding the school year for which the student receives an education savings account; is eligible for the first time to enroll in a Tennessee school; or received an education savings account in the previous school year;
 - (2) Is a student in any of the grades K-12;
- (3) Is zoned to attend a school in an LEA, excluding the achievement school district, that had 10 or more schools:
 - (A) Identified as priority schools in both 2015 and 2018; and
- (B) Among the bottom 10 percent of schools as identified by the department of education in 2017; and
- (4) Is a member of a household with an annual income for the previous year that does not exceed twice the federal income eligibility guidelines for free lunch.

To participate in the program, the parent of a minor eligible student, or an eligible student who has reached the age of 18 years, as applicable, must agree in writing to:

- (1) Ensure the provision of an education for the participating student that satisfies the compulsory school attendance requirement of current state law through enrollment in a private school that meets the requirements established by the department and state board for a Category I, II, or III private school;
- (2) Not enroll the participating student in a public school while participating in the program;

- (3) Release the LEA in which the participating student resides from all obligations to educate the participating student while participating in the program. Participation in the program has the same effect as a parental refusal to consent to the receipt of services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
- (4) Only use the funds deposited in a participating student's ESA for education-related expenses. Public Chapter 506 lists various examples of allowable expenditures, such as tuition, textbooks, certain fees for transportation, computer hardware, and school uniforms. Authorized expenditures also include fees for the management of the ESA by a private or non-profit financial management organization, as approved by the department. The fees must not exceed two percent of the funds deposited in a participating student's ESA in a fiscal year; and
- (5) Verify that the student's household income meets the requirements for program participation by providing a federal tax return from the previous year or providing proof of eligibility to enroll in the state's temporary assistance for needy families program. Household income must be verified when the parent or student, as applicable, submits an application to participate in the program and at least once every year, according to the schedule and income-verification process developed by the department.

Public Chapter 506 specifies that it does not prohibit a parent or third party from paying the costs of educational programs and services for a participating student that are not covered by the funds in an ESA.

Generally under Public Chapter 506, a participating student may participate in the program until: the participating student enrolls in a public school; ceases to be a resident of the LEA in which the student resided when the student began participating in the program; graduates or withdraws from high school; reaches 22 years of age between the commencement of the school year and the conclusion of the school year, whichever occurs first; the parent or participating student fails to verify that the student's household income continues to meet the requirements for program participation, unless the student is suspended or terminated from participating in the program. A participating student may return to the student's LEA at any time after enrolling in the program. Upon a participating student's return to the student's LEA, the student's ESA will be closed and any remaining funds must be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account of the education trust fund. Similarly, if a participating student ceases to be a resident of the LEA in which the student resided when the student began participating in the program, or the parent or participating student fails to verify that the student's household income continues to meet the requirements for program participation, then the student's ESA will be closed and any remaining funds must be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account.

Any funds remaining in a participating student's ESA upon graduation from high school or exiting the program by reaching 22 years of age may be used by the student when the student becomes a legacy student to attend or take courses from an eligible postsecondary institution, with qualifying expenses subject to the conditions of Public Chapter 506 described above in (4). A participating student's ESA will be closed, and any remaining funds will be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program account, after the first of the following events: upon a legacy student's graduation from an eligible postsecondary institution; after four consecutive years elapse immediately after a legacy student exits the program and is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution; or after a participating or legacy student reaches 22 years of age and is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution.

A student who is eligible for both the program created under Public Chapter 506 and an individualized education account under the Individualized Education Act may apply for both programs but must only participate and receive assistance from one program. Public Chapter 506 also specifies the criteria for a participating student's eligibility to participate in a sport sanctioned by an association that regulates interscholastic athletics for the first year in which the student attends a participating school.

The program will begin enrolling participating students no later than the 2021-2022 school year. The number of participating students enrolled in the program must not exceed:

- (1) For the first school year of operation, 5,000 students;
- (2) For the second school year of operation, 7,500 students;
- (3) For the third school year of operation, 10,000 students;
- (4) For the fourth school year of operation, 12,500 students; and
- (5) For the fifth school year of operation and for each school year thereafter, 15,000 students.

The full text of Public Chapter 506 sets out in detail the process that will be followed when applications are less than or more than the maximum allowable amount of students, including provisions for a lottery and the preference in the lottery for certain students.

The maximum annual amount to which a participating student will be entitled under the program must be equal to the amount representing the per pupil state and local funds generated and required through the basic education program (BEP) for the LEA in which the participating student resides, but must not exceed the combined statewide average of required state and local BEP allocations per pupil.

Public Chapter 506 establishes a school improvement fund to be administered by the department that, for the first three fiscal years in which the program enrolls participating students and subject to appropriation, will disburse an annual grant to each LEA to be used for school improvement in an amount equal to the ESA amount for participating students under the program who: were enrolled in and attended a school in the LEA for the one full school year immediately preceding the school year in which the student began participating in the program; and generate BEP funds for the LEA in the applicable fiscal year that will be subtracted from the state BEP funds payable to the LEA. Any balance of unused funds allocated to the program remaining at the end of any of the first three fiscal years of the program must be disbursed as an annual school improvement grant to LEAs that have priority schools but that do not have participating students in the program. After the first three fiscal years in which the program enrolls participating students, Public Chapter 506 requires the department to disburse any appropriations to the fund as school improvement grants for programs to support schools identified as priority schools for 2021 or any year thereafter.

Public Chapter 506 establishes various requirements of the department of education in administering the program, and authorizes the department to deduct six percent from the annual ESA award amount to cover the costs of overseeing the funds and administering the program. Public Chapter 506 also authorizes the department to contract with a nonprofit organization to administer some or all portions of the program.

Under Public Chapter 506, as a condition of participating in the program, participating students in grades 3-11 must be annually administered the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests for math and English language arts, or successor tests authorized by the state board of education for math and English language arts. For participating students enrolled full time in a participating school, the participating school must annually administer the TCAP, or successor, tests to participating students. For participating students 17 years of age or younger who are not enrolled full time in a participating school, the participating student's parent must ensure that the participating student is annually administered the tests. A participating student who has reached the age

of 18 and who is not enrolled full time in a participating school must ensure that participating student is annually administered the tests.

Public Chapter 506 sets out in detail other requirements for the program and the ESA accounts, establishes certain reporting requirements, and specifies that the program is subject to audit by the comptroller. The department may suspend or terminate a participating student from the program, or close a legacy student's ESA, if the department determines that the participating student's or legacy student's parent or the participating student or legacy student has failed to comply with the requirements of Public Chapter 506.

Public Chapter 506 sets out requirements for participating schools, such as requiring the schools to certify that they will not discriminate against participating students or applicants on the basis of race, color, or national origin; and conducting criminal background checks on employees. The department may suspend or terminate a participating school's or provider's participation in the program if the department determines that the participating school or provider has failed to comply with the requirements of Public Chapter 506. Public Chapter 506 also requires the state board of education to promulgate rules allowing the department to suspend or terminate a participating school's participation in the program due to low academic performance, as determined by the department.

Any person who uses the funds deposited in a participating student's ESA for expenses that do not constitute a qualified expense, or any person who misrepresents the nature, receipts, or other evidence of any expenses paid by the parent of a participating student, by a participating student, or by a legacy student is liable for restitution to the department in an amount equal to the amount of such expenses. If a person knowingly uses ESA funds for expenses that do not constitute qualified expenses with the intent to defraud the program, or knowingly misrepresents the nature of the expenses paid with the intent to defraud the program, then the department may refer the matter to the appropriate enforcement authority for criminal prosecution.

Public Chapter 506 specifies that a participating school or provider will be considered autonomous and not an agent of this state, and provides that neither a participating school nor provider will be required to alter its creed, practices, admissions policies, or curriculum in order to accept participating students, other than as is necessary to comply with the requirements of the program.

Public Chapter 506 grants various rulemaking authorities to the state board of education and the department of education to effectuate various provisions of the program.

Public Chapter 506:

- (1) Expresses the legislative intent to establish a pilot program that provides funding for access to additional educational options to students who reside in LEAs that have consistently and historically had the lowest performing schools;
- (2) Requires the office of research and education accountability in the office of the comptroller of the treasury, with the assistance of the department, to provide, on January 1 following the third fiscal year in which the program enrolls participating students, and every January 1 thereafter, a report to the general assembly to assist the general assembly in evaluating the efficacy of the program. The full text of Public Chapter 506 specifies the contents of the report; and
- (3) Specifies that a local board of education does not have authority to assert a cause of action, or intervene in any cause of action, challenging the legality of the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program.

Public Chapter 506 took effect May 24, 2019.

APPENDIX "K"

TENNESSEE SPORTS GAMING ACT

Public Chapter 507 enacted the Tennessee Sports Gaming Act to authorize interactive sports wagering, and to regulate and tax sports wagering in this state.

INTERACTIVE SPORTS WAGERING AUTHORIZED

Public Chapter 507 authorizes the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation (the "board") to issue licenses to offer interactive sports wagering in this state. Public Chapter 507 defines "interactive sports wagering" to mean placing a wager on a sporting event via the internet, a mobile device, or other telecommunications platform.

LOTTERY CORPORATION SPORTS WAGERING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Public Chapter 507 creates the lottery corporation sports wagering advisory council (the "council"), which will advise the board of best practices with respect to sports wagering, provide administrative and technical assistance to the corporation with respect to sports wagering, and carry out any other duties as prescribed by the board. The council will consist of nine members, as follows:

- (1) The governor will appoint three members, one member from each grand division;
- (2) The speaker of the house of representatives will appoint three members, one member from each grand division; and
- (3) The speaker of the senate will appoint three members, one member from each grand division.

For purposes of staggering the terms of council members, each appointing authority must initially appoint one member to a four-year term, one member to a three-year term, and one member to a two-year term. After the initial appointments, all members will be appointed to four-year terms.

The full text of Public Chapter 507 sets out in detail other qualifications and criteria for council members and the conducting of business by the council. Generally, council members must be U.S. citizens and Tennessee residents who do not hold elective office in state government, do not have a financial interest in the sports wagering or gaming industry, and who have not been convicted of any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses.

DUTIES OF THE TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY CORPORATION AND BOARD

Public Chapter 507 requires the Tennessee education lottery corporation and the board to enforce and supervise compliance with state laws and rules relating to wagering on sporting events in this state.

Public Chapter 507 requires the board to prepare and submit an annual report to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives containing the number of active licensees, aggregate gross and net revenue of all licensees, and the financial impact on state and local government.

Public Chapter 507 requires the Tennessee education lottery corporation to maintain a confidential registry of persons and categories of persons who are ineligible to place a wager in this state and provide the registry to each licensee in this state.

Public Chapter 507 requires the board to prescribe by rule, among other things:

- (1) The amount of bond in escrow and cash on hand to pay off bettors;
- (2) Any insurance requirements for a licensee;
- (3) Minimum requirements for a licensee to have effective control over its internal fiscal affairs;
 - (4) Requirements for internal and independent audits of licensees;
 - (5) The manner in which a licensee must submit a periodic financial report;
 - (6) The type of information that is deemed confidential;

- (7) Policies, procedures, and processes to mitigate the risk of cheating and money laundering;
- (8) Post-employment restrictions necessary to maintain the integrity of sports wagering;
- (9) Types or forms of wagering that are prohibited under Public Chapter 507 because they are contrary to public policy, unfair to consumers, or deemed to violate the state constitution;
- (10) A prohibition against in-game proposition bets on team or individual performance in a college sporting event, and certain other types of wagers determined by a college sporting event;
- (11) The manner in which a licensee accepts wagers from and issues payouts to bettors including payouts in excess of \$10,000;
 - (12) Reporting requirements for suspicious wagers;
- (13) Types and forms of parlay and proposition bets that may be offered in Tennessee, if any. Public Chapter 507 authorizes various parties to request that the board promulgate rules to prohibit certain types of bets; and
 - (14) The manner in which a licensee may advertise its business operations.

LICENSE

Public Chapter 507 requires a person to have a license that is issued by the board in order to offer interactive sports wagering.

An application for a license must include:

- (1) The identification of the applicant's principal owners who own five percent or more of the company, partners, members of its board of directors, and officers;
 - (2) A national criminal background check for each person identified pursuant to (1);
 - (3) Evidence of the applicant's good character, honesty, and integrity;
- (4) Notice of any civil judgments obtained against the applicant pertaining to antitrust or securities regulation laws;

- (5) Letters of reference from law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in the applicant's place of residence and principal place of business;
- (6) Letters of reference from a body that regulates gaming operations in a jurisdiction where the applicant has conducted such operations;
 - (7) Information regarding the financial standing of the applicant;
- (8) Evidence that the applicant possesses business ability and gaming experience to establish a successful sports wagering operation;
- (9) A nonrefundable licensing fee in the amount of \$50,000, and an annual licensing fee in the amount of \$750,000. If the application is approved, the application fee will be credited to the licensing fee; and
 - (10) Any additional information required by the board by rule.

Public Chapter 507 requires the Tennessee education lottery corporation to use licensing and application fees to pay the operating and administrative expenses incurred in the regulation of sports wagering. Any remaining amounts of the fees must be deposited into the Tennessee Promise scholarship endowment fund.

Public Chapter 507 prohibits a person from applying for or obtaining a license or permit on a sporting event in this state if the person is:

- (1) A member or employee of the council, the board, or the Tennessee education lottery corporation;
 - (2) An employee of a professional sports team;
 - (3) A coach or player for a collegiate, professional, or Olympic sports team;
- (4) A person who is a member or employee of any governing body of a sports team, league, or association;
- (5) A person who has been convicted of a crime as specified in rules promulgated by the board;
 - (6) A person who has the ability to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event; or
- (7) Any other category of persons the board establishes by rule that, if licensed, would affect the integrity of sports wagering in this state.

Public Chapter 507 prohibits a licensee from:

- (1) Allowing any minor to place a wager;
- (2) Offering, accepting, or extending credit to a bettor;
- (3) Advertising or promoting sports wagering to minors;
- (4) Offering or accepting a wager on any event, outcome, or occurrence other than a sporting event, including a high school sporting event; and
- (5) Accepting a wager from a person who is on the list of persons who are ineligible to place a wager.

A violation of one of the prohibitions listed in (1)-(5) is a Class B misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

Public Chapter 507 authorizes the board to promulgate rules concerning transfer of a license.

LICENSEE REPORTS

Public Chapter 507 requires a licensee to report annually to the board:

- (1) The total amount of wagers received from bettors for the immediately preceding calendar year;
- (2) The licensee's adjusted gross income for the immediately preceding calendar year; and
 - (3) Any additional information required by rule of the board.

Public Chapter 507 requires a licensee to immediately report to the board:

- (1) The name of any newly elected officer or director of the board of the licensee; and
- (2) The acquisition by any person of five percent or more of any class of corporate stock.

A licensee must include a statement as to any conflict of interest that may exist as the result of an election or acquisition that must be reported under (1) or (2).

WAGERING

Public Chapter 507 prohibits a person from wagering on a sporting event in this state if the person is:

- (1) A member, officer, or employee of the council, the board, or the Tennessee education lottery corporation;
- (2) A principal owner, partner, member of the board of directors, officer, or supervisory employee of a licensee or vendor of a licensee;
- (3) Any contractor, subcontractor, or consultant, or officer or employee of a contractor, subcontractor, or consultant, of a licensee, if the person is directly involved in the licensee's operation of sports wagering or the processing of sports wagering claims or payments through the licensee's online sports wagering platform;
- (4) Any person subject to a contract with the board if the contract contains a provision prohibiting the person from participating in sports wagering;
- (5) Any person with access to information that is known exclusively to a person who is prohibited from placing a wager in this state;
- (6) Any amateur or Olympic athlete if the wager is based on the sport or athletic event in which the athlete participates and that is overseen by the athlete's sports governing body;
- (7) Any professional athlete if the wager is based on any sport or athletic event overseen by the athlete's sports governing body;
- (8) Any owner or employee of a team, player, umpire or sports union personnel, or employee, referee, coach, or official of a sports governing body, if the wager is based on a sporting event overseen by the person's sports governing body;

- (9) Any trustee or regent of a governing board of a public or private institution of higher education;
- (10) Any member of an advisory board for an institution of the University of Tennessee;
- (11) Any person prohibited by the rules of a governing body of a collegiate sports team, league, or association from participating in sports wagering activities;
- (12) With respect to a student or an employee of a public or private institution of higher education, any person who has access to material non-public information concerning a student athlete or team, and the information is relevant to the outcome of a sporting event; provided, that the person is only prohibited from using the information to place a wager on a collegiate sporting event;
- (13) Any person having the ability to directly affect the outcome of a sporting event; and
 - (14) Any other category of persons the board establishes by rule.

A violation of the prohibition against ineligible persons placing a wager is a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense, a Class B misdemeanor for a second offense, and a Class A misdemeanor for a third or subsequent offense.

Except for those persons ineligible to wager, as described above, a person who is 21 years of age or older may place a wager as authorized in Public Chapter 507. It is the duty of the licensee to ensure that all wagers accepted are from qualified bettors.

A wager placed in accordance with Public Chapter 507 is an enforceable contract.

Public Chapter 507 requires a licensee to develop a policy outlining the rules of the house governing wagers and payouts. The board must approve the policy prior to the licensee accepting a wager.

Public Chapter 507 establishes the following to ensure the integrity of sports wagering:

- (1) The board, council, licensees, and vendors must cooperate with investigations conducted by sports governing bodies;
- (2) Licensees must immediately report to the board various incidents and activities that may affect the integrity of sports wagering; and
- (3) The board is authorized to promulgate rules to maintain the integrity of sports wagering in Tennessee.

Public Chapter 507 requires that a licensee exclusively use official league data for purposes of live betting unless the licensee can demonstrate to the board that the governing body of a sport or sports league, organization, or association or other authorized entity cannot provide a feed of official league data for live betting in accordance with commercially reasonable terms, as determined by the board.

INTERACTIVE WAGERING

Prior to placing a wager with a licensee via interactive sports wagering, Public Chapter 507 requires that the bettor register with the licensee remotely and attest that the bettor meets the requirements to place a wager with a licensee in Tennessee. A licensee must implement reasonable procedures to prevent access to sports wagering by minors on its interactive platforms. A licensee must have a registration policy for bettors that includes: name age verification, verification that the bettor is not otherwise prohibited from wagering, physical address, phone number, user name, bank account, and email address. Public Chapter 507 requires a licensee to take all reasonable necessary measures to ensure that each bettor is limited to one account.

Public Chapter 507 requires licensees to use reasonable means to protect registered bettors' personal information.

Once a bettor account is created under Public Chapter 507, the bettor may only fund the account through methods initiated with cash, such as money transfers and debit cards. A licensee must acknowledge each financial transaction with respect to a bettor's account. The full text of Public Chapter 507 described the process by which a licensee must close an account for which the bettor provides inaccurate or unverifiable information.

Public Chapter 507 requires licensees to use geo-location or geo-fencing technology to ensure that interactive sports wagering is only available to bettors who are physically located in Tennessee. Public Chapter 507 also requires licensees to maintain in Tennessee the servers that they use to accept wagers from and pay out bets to persons located in Tennessee.

TAX

Public Chapter 507 imposes on each licensee under Public Chapter 507 a monthly 20 percent privilege tax on its adjusted gross income. The privilege tax collected must be paid to the Tennessee education lottery corporation, to be distributed to the state treasurer for use as follows:

- (1) 80 percent for deposit into the lottery for education account;
- (2) 15 percent for deposit in the general fund, to be remitted quarterly to local governments and used for local infrastructure projects; and
- (3) Five percent for allocation to the department of mental health and substance abuse services to use for grant programs with organizations to provide treatment services to individuals with gambling problems or gambling disorders. The department may also use the funds for actual administrative costs associated with oversight of the grant programs. The department must annually report outlining its activities with respect to funding received under the privilege tax imposed by Public Chapter 507.

VIOLATION OF SPORTS WAGERING

The board may investigate and conduct a hearing with respect to a licensee upon information and belief that a licensee has violated Public Chapter 507, or upon receipt of a complaint alleging any such violation. If the board determines that a licensee has violated any provision of Public Chapter 507 or a rule of the board, the board may:

- (1) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license; and
- (2) Impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$25,000 per violation.

The board has subpoen power with regard to the performance of the board's duties under Public Chapter 507.

A final action of the board may be appealed to the chancery court of Davidson County.

INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Public Chapter 507 authorizes the board or designated employees or agents of the Tennessee education lottery corporation to enter the premises of any facility of a licensee or third party for the purpose of inspecting books and records, to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with applicable requirements, or to make another inspection of the premises necessary to protect the interests of this state and its consumers.

Public Chapter 507 requires the board, utilizing security personnel of the Tennessee education lottery corporation, to conduct investigations to determine whether a licensee is accepting wagers from minors or others who are ineligible to place wagers and whether a person is unlawfully accepting wagers from another person without a license.

If a proceeding is held and the board finds that the licensee has accepted wagers from minors or others who are ineligible to place wagers, Public Chapter 507 requires the board to impose a fine of the following:

- (1) \$1,000 for a first offense;
- (2) \$2,000 for a second offense; and
- (3) \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

If a proceeding is held and the board finds that a person is unlawfully accepting wagers from another person without a license, Public Chapter 507 requires that board to impose an administrative fine of the following:

(1) \$10,000 for a first offense;

- (2) \$15,000 for a second offense; and
- (3) \$25,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

CIVIL PENALTY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Any person who violates Public Chapter 507 is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 per violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for violations arising out of the same occurrence. The civil penalty may be recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general and reporter.

Public Chapter 507 authorizes the office of the attorney general to seek injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of Public Chapter 507.

CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR TRANSMITTING CERTAIN SPORTS INFORMATION

Under Public Chapter 507, it is a Class A misdemeanor offense for any person or entity, directly or indirectly, to knowingly receive, supply, broadcast, display, or otherwise transmit material non-public information for the purpose of wagering on a sporting event or influencing another person's or entity's wager on a sporting event. This offense does not apply to the dissemination of public information as news, entertainment, or advertising.

TERMS OF OFFICE FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Public Chapter 507 specifies that at the end of the term for a board member, the member will continue to serve until the governor appoints a replacement.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, Public Chapter 507 took effect without the governor's signature on May 27, 2019, for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any other necessary administrative duties. For all other purposes, Public Chapter 507 took effect July 1, 2019.

APPENDIX "L"

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

During its 2019 legislative session, the One Hundred and Eleventh General Assembly adopted three joint resolutions that propose to amend the Constitution of Tennessee. Senate Joint Resolution 1 would provide a new method to select the attorney general and reporter. Senate Joint Resolution 154 would provide for the exercise of the powers of the office of governor during a period of the governor's disability. Senate Joint Resolution 159 would clarify that the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude that presently appears in the Constitution is not subject to any exception. All three constitutional amendments were referred to the One Hundred and Twelfth General Assembly for further consideration, pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

The Constitution of Tennessee currently requires the judges of the state supreme court to appoint an attorney general and reporter for the state. The term of office for the attorney general and reporter is eight years.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 would require the state supreme court to nominate a person to serve as attorney general and reporter and submit the nomination to the general assembly for confirmation. Senate Joint Resolution 1 would specify that each attorney general and reporter be at least 30 years of age, be a U.S. citizen, be licensed to practice law in Tennessee, and have been a resident of Tennessee for at least five years immediately preceding their nomination. Senate Joint Resolution 1 would reduce the length of the term of office for the attorney general and reporter to six years.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 154

The Constitution of Tennessee currently provides that the speaker of the senate assumes the duties of the office of governor if the governor is removed from office, dies, or resigns. If the speaker of the senate is removed from office, dies, or resigns, the speaker of the house of representatives is next in line to assume the duties of the office of governor.

Senate Joint Resolution 154 would add a process for assigning the duties of the office of governor when the governor is temporarily unable to discharge such duties. Under Senate Joint Resolution 154, the speaker of the senate or, if that office is unoccupied, the

speaker of the house of representatives would be required to serve as acting governor upon either of the following occurrences:

- (1) The governor transmitting to the secretary of state and both speakers a written, signed declaration that the governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office; or
- (2) A majority of the commissioners of administrative departments of the executive department transmitting to the secretary of state and both speakers their written, signed declaration that the governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

The period during which an acting governor may exercise the powers and duties of the office would end upon the governor transmitting to the secretary of state and both speakers a written, signed declaration that the governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

Senate Joint Resolution 154 would specify that a speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of governor as acting governor is not required to resign the speakership or to resign as a member of the general assembly and retains the speaker's salary and will not receive the governor's salary, but such speaker must not preside as speaker or vote as a member of the general assembly during the time the speaker is acting governor.

Senate Joint Resolution 154 would also specify that service as an acting governor by either speaker does not violate the prohibition against holding two lucrative offices contained in Article ii, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

The Constitution of Tennessee currently specifies "That slavery and involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, are forever prohibited in this State."

Senate Joint Resolution 159 would instead specify that "Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime."